

Ferryhill Primary School Head Teacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 17th January 2020

Welcome back everyone, it's lovely to have all our children back and settled in school at the start of the new decade ! A note of dates for the coming term was sent in the last newsletter and is available on the school website. Have a look below at what's coming up for the rest of January.

Next week we invite all parents/carers into the school at 11.45 am on Friday morning for one of our open mornings when you can informally visit your child/ren in classrooms.

Our children and staff are all busy working and teachers will send out individual class newsletters shortly. These will be packed with lots of information about what the children will be learning this term. In the meantime, here's a round-up of what's going on around the classes.

P1 are very excited to start their mini topic on Dinosaurs. We are learning about things that happened in the past. This week the children have enjoyed role playing, drawing, digging for fossils and learning facts about dinosaurs. P1/2 and P2 have been learning new language songs this week. In particular, "Guten Morgen" and "Salut, ca va?" P3A are busy learning about Vikings. We have researched Viking shields online and we have made our own symmetrical designs of shields. P4B have enjoyed the start of their topic of Edinburgh. Next week we are going to be focussing on the Firth of Forth and will be building our own Forth bridges out of materials of our choice. In P5A we started our new Rainforest topic last week. We created mind maps to show what we know already and ideas about what we would like to learn. This week we are writing Rainforest poems. Today we worked in groups to generate a lot of ambitious 'wow' vocabulary and tomorrow we will have our first go at writing acrostic poems. P5B have started looking at angles in maths this week and the children enjoyed and worked well together in pairs to find as many right angles as they could in the classroom. P6A have been working with fractions and percentages in maths this week. We made gas masks as part of our WW1 topic and we are making family trees in French. In art we have been learning about observational drawing by focusing on adding detail and shading to our art work. This week P6B have been using Scratch coding to make their own animations and learning about percentages. P7A have been working in pairs to research key events about World War 2. They have been taking notes on events such as The Battle of Britain, The Bombing of Pearl Harbour as well as the D-Day Landings in Normandy. They are then using these notes to present the facts to their peers and are developing their listening skills. In PE pupils started their new focus for the term which is 'Court Games'. Pupils will be developing skills in communication, decision making, awareness of space and speed. Developing these skills will enable pupils to be successful in activities such as basketball, dodgeball, netball and volleyball. Next week at the open day some pupils may have the opportunity to show some of the skills they have been improving in PE recently.

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What's On in January 2020 ?	
Thursday 23	P1/2 Class Assembly 2pm
Friday 24	Open Morning for parents to visit classes 11.45 am Pupil Progress Books sent home
Monday 27 to Friday 31	Primary 7 visit to Benmore Outdoor Centre
Thursday 30	Parent Council Quiz Night