

# PRIMARY 7 LEARNING NEWSLETTER: TERM 1A

## NUMERACY

**Place Value:** Reading, writing, ordering and rounding numbers.

**Operations:** Written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. We'll focus on dividing with remainders and what to do with them.

**Mental Maths:** Addition, subtraction and multiplication strategies. Choosing the most efficient strategy to solve a calculation.

**Properties of Numbers:** Factors, multiples, prime, square and cubed numbers. Breaking numbers down and rebuilding them.

**Shape and Space:** 2D shapes. Types of angles and turns. Interior and exterior angles.

**Time:** Reading analogue and digital times. Calculating time durations.

## LITERACY

**Grammar:** Parts of speech (nouns verbs, adjectives, adverbs). Verb tenses. Proof reading tasks for punctuation. Prefixes and suffixes.

**Reading:** Pupils will be reading in groups and by themselves throughout the week. They will have a class reading book which is also read for homework. Pupils will be completing a range of comprehension activities based on fiction and non-fiction texts.

Some of our literacy will be based on our class novel, 'Chains' by Laurie Halse Anderson.

**Writing:** Recount, narrative, myth.

## ICT

**Desktop Publishing:** Consolidation of basic skills including layout, text wrapping and digital pictures.

**Desktop Organisation:** Saving files, using cloud storage, sharing files with others.

**Animation:** Using the program 'Scratch' to write increasingly complex computer script. If we have time we might have a go at Lego Movie Maker animation too, just before Christmas.

## THE WORLD AROUND US: USA

In P7, we cover a topic throughout a whole term. This is different from other years but allows us to really get 'stuck into' each topic we cover. Our term 1 topic is the USA. Up until half term we will be focusing on the following areas:

- Christopher Columbus and the discovery of the New World.
- Native Americans, including Pocahontas (did you know she was a real person?)
- Early colonists
- The war of Independence

## DATES

6th Sept: Parent Information evening at 2pm

6th Sept: AQE Registration closes

27th Sept: Macmillan coffee morning

30th Sept: Staff Development Day 1

28th-31st Oct (inclusive): Mid term break

1st Nov: Staff Development Day 2

4th Nov: Pupil start back for term 1B

*Given the number of areas tested on the AQE, those pupils sitting the test will cover a number of additional areas in Term 1, particularly in Numeracy. These areas will be revisited again later in the year to allow all pupils to fulfil the full P7 curriculum to a suitable depth before June.*