



Gilsland C of E Primary School

Junior Class Newsletter

January 2009



Dear Parents,

I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year for 2009. There are some changes to the junior timetable for this term so please do take the time to read through this newsletter and maybe keep it someplace handy for future reference.

Starting Wednesday 14th January, the junior children will have the opportunity to learn football skills with an experienced coach from William Howard School. This will continue until the half term holiday so please make sure your child has their games kit in school for Wednesday mornings. A spare change of socks would be useful in case of inclement weather.

Starting Friday 16th January, Georgia Twedde will be teaching the junior children country dancing on Friday afternoons between 2.00-3.00pm. This will take place fortnightly and will give the children the opportunity to learn new skills and have fun.



REMEMBER
Games kit is needed on a
WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
P.E. Kit is needed for
THURSDAY

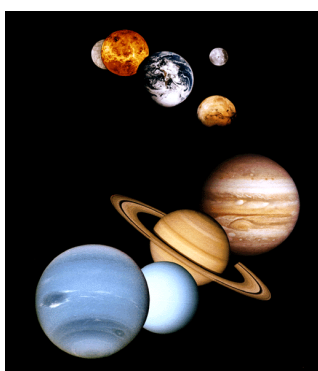


Important help with homework

Over the course of this term, I will be sending out homework in various subjects. I would like to ask for your help to work with and encourage your child to complete their work and hand it in on time. Reading will be given each night, weekly spellings are given out on Wednesday for a spelling test the following Wednesday. Literacy and Numeracy homework is given each Friday to be returned by the following Friday.

Please do feel free to call in and see me if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child or just come in to see what we have been doing in class.

Do let us know if you are able to come into school to help with anything relating to our topic or if you have a skill you could share with the children. Any parent who is able to come into school early (8.15am) is welcome to share a reading book with their child in the classroom or help research information for the class topic on the internet.



Out topic for this half term will be

"SPACE AND LIGHT"

This is a science topic exploring the relationship between the earth, moon and other planets in our solar system. We will also be finding out about light and shadows.

In Literacy we will be following the Literacy Strategy guidance and will be focusing on traditional stories and performance poetry. The children will have the opportunity to develop their writing skills through the bi-weekly "Big Write" session.

In Numeracy we will be focusing on number work, including decimals, learning and revising our times tables. We will also be learning the names and properties of shapes.

In R.E we will be listening to and learning from the stories Jesus told in the bible.



The children will have the opportunity to develop their skills in football through a weekly coaching session on Wednesday morning.

In art, design and technology, the children will be studying the work of Vincent Van Gogh and making a periscope and 3-D glasses.

In French we will be learning to count from 13 to 21, learning to use the days of the week in French conversation and to talk about where they live and days of the week.