



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2018 in 1M and 1W class. In our new topic – The Five Nations, we broaden our horizons to learn about our own country and those around us.

Communication, Language & Literacy

Phonics lessons continue with activities related to the sounds and spellings we are learning. We begin the term looking non-fiction writing of Instructions, looking at recipes, making them and writing our own. We then follow on by studying 'pattern and rhyme' in our second poetry unit.

Maths

The children will develop, secure and continue to learn about number to help answer questions and solve problems in real life situations. We will also revise knowledge of number, adding, subtracting, doubling and halving bigger numbers.

Understanding the World

During the Five Nations topic we will learn key physical and cultural features of England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland & Ireland. We will be learning some of their individual histories and geographical differences, both physical and manmade. Our new Science theme is forces. We will be investigating which objects will float and sink and design and make a Catapult plane.

Physical Development

This term the children will be developing their fundamental movement skills, agility and hand eye coordination in multi-skills. We will also be learning different ways we can move creatively through our Gymnastics lessons using a variety of dynamic and static balances in our own sequences.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be focussing on differences in our gender, what equality means to us and discussing how we are all different as individuals. We will also be talking about the best ways we can hold a conversation with others, developing our communication skills.

Creative Development

Children will be designing and making their own models of manmade and natural structures found in the countries around us. We will use a variety of media to draw landscapes and express our own view of things through our creations. We will be learning the national anthems of the 5 Nations we are studying and learning to sing using our voices expressively.

Homework

Please continue to listen to your child read on a daily basis, this underpins so much of their learning and unlocks so much of the world around them. Below are some useful websites to support and reinforce your child's learning. Any queries or questions, please feel free to see me or make an appointment through Mrs Bailey.

Best regards for the coming year!

Miss Wetherell and Mr Moore

www.ictgames.co.uk

www.mathszone.co.uk

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/science.shtml

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/magickey/>