

Class Newsletter

September 2015



Welcome to Peacock Class!

As a new teacher at Neatishead Primary School I look forward to a productive partnership with you and Peacock Class to help pupils achieve their very best.

I believe a strong partnership with you is paramount. Thank you for such a warm welcome last week – I very much enjoyed speaking with many of you.

Mr Murphy

Our school topic for this half term is: Footprints!
Our enquiry question is: If you follow a trail, where will you go?

English

Using real life scenarios, school visits and art we hope to inspire Peacocks' writing. After revising Standard English pupils will be encouraged to use expected levels of grammar within their own writing (for example *noun phrases*.) Classic fiction will include authors Roald Dahl and CS Lewis.



Maths

Songs shall be used on a weekly basis to encourage understanding of \times and \div facts to find a product. Children will revisit place value to complete number sentences (multiply by 10, 100, 1000) before solving problems involving money. Our secret weapon is a musical character: Number Cruncher!



Topic

Footprints, handprints, fingerprints... the possibilities are endless! Topic work will be guided by the pupils' own interests; building on existing knowledge and using technology to share learning experiences. An example of this will be using GPS to track our visits and analyse the data. Can Peacocks compare environmental regions North and South of the Hemisphere?

PE

Mr Ward continues to teach PE on a Tuesday afternoon – encouraging the class to become physically active for a sustained period of time - starting with invasion games. Please encourage your child to have their PE kit in school at all times including football boots and shin pads for those playing football - thank you. Peacocks will also have the chance to participate in dance on Wednesdays. The school is seeking a parent volunteer to transport children participating in the small schools' league (Tuesday afternoons). Can you help?

PSHE and RE

Upon initial visits to Neatishead Primary School I was impressed by the caring nature of the children. The class shall be encouraged to maintain their social and emotional awareness considering... *New Beginnings, Getting On and Falling Out*.
Enquiry question: What do Christians understand by reconciliation?

How to support at home

Please see the attached timetable for details of weekly homework. Be assured homework is always explained and examples of written methods demonstrated before setting questions. If you have any concerns, please let me know and I will be happy to help.

School Partnerships

We are aiming to develop a partnership with the following schools:
Goolwa Primary School, South Australia
and
Madya Primary School, Zimbabwe
Have you visited these countries? Do you have friends or relatives in these areas? We would be interested in your stories!

Clubs

Film Club / Art Club shall be up and running in the coming weeks. We shall contact you with permission forms before clubs commence.
Thank you – Mr Murphy