



Mount Pleasant Primary School
Year 5 Half-Termly Newsletter

Jan-Feb
2018

Our News

During this half term, we will begin our new topic on the Victorians. We will focus on investigating the industrial revolution and making links to our local area, including the history of Mount Pleasant. We will be exploring canal systems and comparing how goods were transported then and today.

We will be having a Science focus day every two weeks.

For Science this term we will be exploring life cycles and habitats of plants and animals.

We will be focussing on:

- Life processes and reproduction of plants and animals.
- Habitats
- Classifying and identifying plants and animals using keys.
- The life cycle of a seed.

As life cycles is a focus within Science, your task is to show the lifecycle of a frog presented in the most imaginative format that you can! Each stage of development must be named and labelled correctly.

You can support your child this half term by:

Reading

Please continue to practise reading regularly and filling in the reading journals. We aim to check these on a Friday and expect to see regular entries from the children and an adult's signature to confirm they have read at home. Please ask questions to check your child's understanding of a text. In our reading lessons this term, we will be looking at *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. The focus will be on appreciation and evaluation of a text.

Writing:

Using Street Child inspiration, we will be producing arguments and persuasive writing in the style of formal letters. In grammar work will be looking in detail at the use of commas for clarity and relative clauses. Please focus on spelling challenges for this half term. Spellings are an integral part of English and allow writers to express themselves clearly and with meaning.

Spelling Challenges: 8/1 and 29/1

Maths

Our focus for this half term will be fractions. We are going to be reading and writing fractions, decimals and percentages. Being able to recognise the equivalences between each. In addition we will be ordering and comparing fractions. Using all four calculation methods to solve fraction problems. Converting mixed number fractions to improper fractions and vice versa.

Maths Challenge – Thursday

Believe it, Achieve it!

Visits

This half term, we will be visiting the local canal. As part of our working on the Victorians and the industrial revolution. We will be looking at how the canal systems work and opening and closing the locks.



Maths Celebrations

Well done to the following children for moving up in their maths challenges:

Gabe Evans, Dylan Cowley, Evie Bate, Millie Prosser, Brannon Amphlett, Asher Hil, Matthew Handley, Ewan Rutland, Libby Slee, George Cockburn, Ellie Tipper, Sam Grainger, Ellie-Mae Nock, Deryn Smith, Shay Hughes, Archi Crannage, Rhys Adams, Finley Jordan, Mia Harris-Ray, Callum Tromans, Nicholas Barnett, Jack Leighton, Thomas Webster, Ruby Phipps, Harvey Fox, Jessica Timmins, Caitlin George, Leon Adams, Elliot Strange, Seth Chan-Smith, Rebecca Wood, Oliver Leather, Libby Fowkes, Amelia Clee, Noah Bloomer, Ellie Mai White & Paige Gennard, Henry Jones and Frankie Foster

English Celebrations

Well done to these children that moved up in their spelling challenge:

Seth Chan-Smith, Frankie Foster, Madison Gennard, Ellie Mai White, Madison Gennard, Ellie Mai White, Ewan Rutland and Zach Messinger

Dates for diaries

Wednesday 3rd January - Return to school after Christmas

Monday 12th February – E-Safety performance

Thursday 15th February – Chef in school

Friday 16th February – Break up for half term

Monday 26th February – Back to school

Monday 26th March – Learning Journey

Tuesday 27th March – Parents evening
(3.15pm-5.30pm)

Wednesday 28th March – Parents evening
(5.00pm-7.00pm)



The child who achieved the most Class Dojos during the month of October was Elliot.

The child who achieved the most Class Dojos during the month of November was Jessica.

Well done to Brannon, who was our pupil of the month for October.

Well done to Amelia, who was our pupil of the month for November.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy birthday to the following children for this half term:

Deryn Smith, Oliver Leather, Ellie Tipper and Millie Prosser

