



Overview

Hello everybody,

I do hope you had a lovely holiday and are ready for a new term. 'Food' is our theme for this term and it's usually a fun theme to work on. There will be cooking sessions and an excursion to the Central Market later in the term. I will send you the information once the arrangements are finalised. I am aware that Ramadan is at the end of the month but we can work around the need for the children to fast during the day.



The writing genre for this term is procedural writing. This form of writing is normally used for recipes, and instructions on how to make something or how to play a game. The grammar focus is on using verbs and the present tense. This term, I'm also keen to try some oral language activities which I learned from a workshop that most of the teachers attended in the holidays. I have already used one of the activities and was very pleased with the outcome. The activities are designed to encourage the students to speak in a non-threatening environment. Students who are not quite confident enough to speak in English have the option to pass.

We continue to use Words Their Way for word study. Please listen to your child read at home and check their understanding by asking questions about the text or the meaning of a word. This helps to develop their comprehension and build vocabulary.



When we cook or bake, we need to measure our ingredients. So in maths this



term, we will be looking at measurement of mass. We have begun the term by learning to read, understand and interpret the information presented in tables. Then we



presented the information in a different way, using graphs. We are also learning how to interpret the information in the different kinds of graphs.

Work on numbers will be continuing including an introduction to fractions. This term, they will again have maths online homework once a fortnight. If your child is unable to access the internet at home please let me know and I will make arrangements for them to do their work at on the school computers. Just a reminder that the students have tasks that I have set for them so they need to click on the "Task" icon to access their homework.

In science, we will be investigating what happens to food when we apply heat or cold eg water changes to ice when it's chilled in the freezer (liquid to solid). When it's boiled, water changes from a liquid to gas ie into steam. What happens to chocolate/butter when we heat it? It melts and changes from a solid to a liquid. The food theme also leads in to learning about healthy and unhealthy food. It also leads us to discuss what kinds of food do we need and how do the different types of food help to keep us healthy.



Ms Glasper is back with us this term and the students will be making 3D constructions through the use of paper mache.



Mr Nguyen will be using modified net and wall games to help the students develop their ball skills and have a better knowledge of game play and teamwork.



If you have an easy recipe that we might be able to use or you have some time to come and help us with a cooking session, please let me know. I would love to be able to try cooking a few different dishes from the different cultures that our students come from.

I look forward to a busy term working with the students. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. You can write a note in the communication book or call the school on 82931863. Thank you.

Regards

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