

Primary 5 Newsletter

August – October 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer. We are really looking forward to our time in Primary 5. This is what we will be doing in Term 1.



Numeracy and Maths

In Numeracy, we will be revising and refreshing the children's knowledge of number and place value. We will also be counting in multiples of 10, 100 and 1000 and beyond as well as practising number bonds to 1000.

This will also include number patterns and their relationship to each other.

In Maths, we will be working with time, reading analogue and digital clocks and calculating time durations.

Literacy

In Reading, we will be learning how to read the text around unfamiliar words to help us understand their meaning. We will use the following strategies to develop our reading skills:

- Skimming and scanning the text to find key vocabulary/information- we will use this skill a lot in our topic research.
- Retrieving information from a text in order to answer a question or present information.

We will also be encouraging children to read for enjoyment and share their likes, dislikes and recommendations.

In Writing, we will be looking at descriptions and recounts including both fiction and non-fiction texts.

In Grammar, we will revise some basics such as capital letters, full stop, question marks and exclamation marks. We will also be exploring adjectives, synonyms and antonyms.

Interdisciplinary Learning

The term will start with a mini topic based on our class novel, *Who Let The Gods Out* by Maz Evans. We will explore some of the themes in the story including friendships, first impressions and hopes and dreams.

The children will help to plan the title of our second context which will look at natural disasters. We look forward to the children leading their learning. We will complete some experiments and artwork linked to this topic.



Health & Wellbeing

We will be exploring *our first Jigsaw piece 'Being me in my World'* throughout term 1. This allows the children to discuss what it is like to be part of a class team, explore rules and responsibilities and gain further understanding of their rights.

We will also be focusing on SHANARRI (Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurturing, Active, Respected, Responsible, Included) and how this applies to our classroom and school context.

In PE we will be doing Gymnastics in the hall and Outdoor Activities each week.

Additional Information

- **P.E** – P5G- Hall on Monday, MUGA on Wednesday
P5H- MUGA on Monday, Hall on Wednesday
Please ensure you bring appropriate clothing and footwear for both PE sessions.
- Opportunities to read for enjoyment will be sought throughout the week. If your child has a book they would like to read and keep in their bag, please have them pop it in as soon as possible.
- **Home Learning** will be handed out every fortnight starting Thursday 22nd August. There will be spelling words and a Numeracy or Maths task. Please return Home Learning within the fortnight so the jotters can be checked and handed back in time for the next set of Home Learning tasks.
- **Staff:**
P5G – Mrs George
P5H – Miss Henderson
Both classes will have Mrs Welsh creating and delivering lessons linked to French, Maths and Problem Solving on a Tuesday for part of the day.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school office, email or sending a note to your child's teacher and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes,
Mrs George & Miss Henderson

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