

# Primary 5 Newsletter

Welcome back for Term 2. These are some of the things we will be doing in Primary 5 this term:

## Numeracy and Maths

In Numeracy, we will be doing a real focus on instant recall of times tables. Please keep practising these at home as much as you can!

We will also be focusing on mental calculations for addition and subtraction and learning lots of strategies to help us with this. It would be great to consolidate these at home too. We will also be working with larger numbers and learning formal methods for calculations.

In Maths, we will be focusing on Measure. We will be working with length, weight, capacity and area as well as looking at how and why measurement is used in everyday life. We will also be working on Money and Finance as part of Financial Education week and our class Enterprise work.



## Interdisciplinary Learning

Our first big focus this term is our Children in Need assembly. Primary 5 have been busy practising, and preparing fundraising events. We hope you can make our assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November!

Our topic this term will be "Our Dynamic Earth". We will be taking part in The Edina Trust Spring Bulbs investigation where we will plant our own bulbs, and investigate the impact of climate change. We will be recording the temperature and rain fall each day to help us in our investigation. As part of this we will also be looking at how fertilisers help plants grow, and how plants benefit society.

During this term, we will also be exploring living things, food chains and adaptations through a mini topic on the Polar Regions.



## Literacy

This term we will be reading fiction texts. We will have a big focus on reading for enjoyment and are looking forward to reading some of the books in our school library. Please continue to read as often as possible at home and bring in any books you are enjoying that you can tell the class about.

In writing, we will be looking at narratives with a focus on character and settings. We will be trying to use ambitious vocabulary in our writing and use different openers and connectives to make our stories more exciting.

In Grammar, we will be looking at similes and metaphors to try to add some exciting descriptions to our writing.

For Spelling we will be learning more common words and we will be looking at the different representations of the sounds sh (sh/ti/ch) and ch (ch/tch/t) within words.

This term, we will be learning Spanish for the first time! We will be practising greetings as well as learning some numbers too.



## Health & Wellbeing

We will be exploring our second Jigsaw piece 'Celebrating Difference' throughout term 2. This allows the children to explore our influences, know what makes us unique and celebrate differences between us. We will also be focussing on the Zones of Regulation to help us to identify and regulate our own emotions through different strategies.



In PE we will have one outdoor and one indoor session. During our outdoor session we will be increasing our fitness levels. During our indoor sessions we will be developing our skills in gymnastics and dance. We will be learning some Scottish dances in preparation for our Christmas party!



## Additional Information

### • P.E Information:

**P5g: Monday (indoors), Wednesday (outdoors)**

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Please come to school in P.E clothing (black leggings/joggers, school coloured plain t-shirt/polo, school jumper/hoody). As some P.E will take place outdoors, the children should come prepared with suitable outdoor footwear and waterproof jackets.

- 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.
- Children are allowed to bring in their own devices (if they have returned their Bring Your Own Device letter. These will only be used if required to support learning within class. Devices cannot be used at any other time, including Reward Time.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school office by email or phone.

Best wishes,

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