



Primary 5/4 Newsletter

Term One

Session: 2018 - 2019

We hope you all had a marvellous summer, and are ready for an exciting year ahead!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



Literacy and English

This term, P5/4 will begin to use the Literacy World, Magic Belt and Oxford Reading Tree schemes. Through reading our whole class novel "Gangsta' Granny", we will revise the *Super Six* reading strategies, (predicting, monitoring, questioning, connecting, visualising and summarising), to improve our reading skills and ability to think like a reader. Also, we will be reading a script about Ancient Egypt. We would ask that you encourage your child to read as much as possible. Whether it be a personal novel or an appropriate newspaper, it is important children are continually reading for enjoyment.

Last year, the whole school trialled the *Talk for Writing* approach. This was well received by our children and class teachers noted quick improvements in writing levels. Using this approach, we will begin to explore creating character and setting. Our non-fiction writing will be based on writing recounts. Individual targets will ensure that all our children are continually being challenged to improve their own writing.

Spelling will make up a key part of the weekly homework programme with words being introduced on a Monday followed by a test on a Friday morning. Explicit spelling strategies will be taught in class to enable the learning of spelling both in school and at home.

Numeracy and mathematics

In term 1, P5/4 will be revisiting place value. Primary 4 will be working with numbers up to and beyond 1000, whilst primary 5 will be working with numbers up to and beyond 10,000. Using concrete, abstract and pictorial resources children will gain a better understanding of the digits in a number, their position (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones) and the importance of zero as a place holder.

In beyond number, primary 4 will be learning about 2-Dimensional shapes and their properties and linking it to area. Primary 5 will be doing the same but learning about 3-Dimensional shapes.

To celebrate **Math's Week Scotland** the children will be entered into a National Contest on *Sumdog*. They have the chance to win some prizes and/or a trophy for the school.

Expressive arts

P5/4 will be linking drawing skills within our topic, The Ancient Egyptians. Our music and drama will be linked with the script we are reading and we will be applying these skills to prepare and perform our Egyptian play.

Health and wellbeing

P5/4 will be looking at our school values and linking them with Children's Rights (UNCRC) to create a class charter. Furthermore, we will be working on our resilience strategies.

For PE, P5/4 will be focusing on invasion games. Also, the class will be taking part in the *Great Scottish Run* at the end of September and training hard for it in preceding weeks.

Reminder: PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please remember to pack gym kits and water bottles.

Please note: As per Glasgow City Council policy, football strips, from **any** team, must not be worn at school. The wearing of jewellery should also be avoided, therefore please remove any ear piercings.

Religious and moral education

P5/4 will be learning stories from the Bible, including the story of Joseph and his Dreamcoat. Assemblies held by our HT and DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

Social Subjects

This term, P5/4 will be learning about people in the past through their topic on the Ancient Egyptians.

Science

P5/4 will be looking at science in the news and discussing issues that are relevant to us including the current debate around plastics and renewable energy.

Technologies

This term, P5/4 will be using their skills in ICT to research and find out facts about the Ancient Egyptians. Also, children will be reminded about the importance of staying safe online.

Homework

P5/4 will have a homework grid stuck into their homework jotters each Monday, (all tasks due back the following Friday). Children are asked to complete one task from the spelling menu a night, (inside front cover of homework jotter), to complete one maths task a week and to access *Sumdog* for at least 10 minutes. From time to time we encourage children to complete tasks linked with their topics. We appreciate that our young people and parents/carers have busy lives. Therefore, these activities are encouraged.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



Dates for your diary:

w/b 10th September: Sumdog Maths Week

w/b 10th September: Global Citizenship Week

Fri 21st Sept / Mon 24th Sept: Holiday Weekend

w/b 1st October: Health Week

Fri 12th Oct: Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 15th – Fri 19th Oct: Holiday

Mon 22nd Oct: Start of Term 2