

Primary 5/4 Newsletter

Term Two

October - December

The nights are fair drawing in....



Wrap up warm, and stay safe when you're out and about.



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 continue to use the Literacy World, Magic Belt and Oxford Reading Tree schemes. Through reading our whole class novel "The Twits" by Roald Dahl, 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 focusing on how to answer literal, inferential and evaluative questions. We have noticed improvements in fluency and expression during guided reading lessons. To further help this 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 aloud and for enjoyment.

Using the *Talk for Writing* approach we will be looking at writing spooky imaginative stories with a focus on creating settings. Our non-fiction writing will be based on writing instructions linked to our topic. The class will review their individual targets to identify next steps in their writing.

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

Numeracy and mathematics

In term 2, P5/4 will be looking at addition and subtraction skills. Primary 4 will be learning how to use different strategies to solve calculations using numbers up to 100. Primary 5 will be looking at mental and formal written strategies to solve calculations using numbers up to and beyond 1000.

In beyond number, P5/4 will be investigating the difference between perimeter and area.

The children love using *Sumdog*. If access is available at home please allow your children time to go on and play.

Expressive arts

For art, P5/4 will be learning how to develop collage skills using shape, colour and texture. During music lessons the class will be developing their listening and appraising skills by listening to orchestral music. For drama the children will be working on improvisation skills.

Health and wellbeing

P5/4 will be learning about mindfulness and participating in the massage in schools programme.

For PE, P5/4 will be focusing on netball. Also, P5 girls will be attending swimming lessons.

Reminder: PE days are Wednesday and Thursday (swimming day for P5 girls). 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 about Christmas traditions around the world.

Social Subjects

This term, P5/4 will be looking at the chocolate industry in Britain with a focus on Scottish manufacturers.

Science

This term, P5/4 will be learning about germs, disease and prevention. A relevant topic as we approach the Winter and flu-season.

Technologies

This term, P5/4 will be looking at how technology has changed over the years. Also, the children will be learning how to access their Glow account and how to send emails.

Furthermore, ICT will be used to enhance learning across the curriculum; with continued use of *SumDog* to boost maths skills and using search engines and PowerPoint software to find, gather and present information about our new topic.

Homework

P5/4 will continue using the homework grid stuck into their homework jotters each Monday and all tasks are due in on Friday. 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 simply encouraged.

Term 1 was an exciting time for P5/4 and we are looking forward to term 2. Look out for any class news on the homework grid with important reminders and dates for your diary. Thank you for your continued support.



Dates for your diary:

30th November: Winter Fair

11th and 13th December: Nativity performances

20th December (am): Christmas parties

20th December: School closes at 14:30

Fri 21st December – Fri 4th Jan: Holiday

7th January: Start of Term 3