

Primary 5/6 Newsletter – Term 1

Another year has begun at Hecklegirth Primary and let me take this opportunity to welcome all the children and families back. I am looking forward to an exciting year in P5/6 with lots of learning and achievement. This newsletter will hopefully give you some information and an overview of some of the learning taking place in class this term, based around the Curriculum for Excellence First and Second levels.

Your child should have brought home their Home-Link Book, which aims to make you aware of any homework that your child will have. Hopefully all the information you need will be included in this. As a first port of call, please talk to your child about anything in it regarding reading, spelling or maths work. After that, I am happy to try and explain further if needed at the end of the school day.

Please can you ensure your child has his/her homework pack every day, as well as a water bottle to keep them well hydrated!

It would be helpful if all pupils' clothes could be labelled or named, as we often have mix ups. Many thanks.

Our P.E. sessions will be on Tuesdays and Fridays as well as the Daily Mile on a regular basis. Your child should bring their PE kit to school at the start of the week in a bag which can be hung on their peg. In P.E this term we are working on hockey skills. Mrs Foster will work with the children on a Tuesday and I will lead P.E. on a Friday.

Mr Palmer will be working in class on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. As well as this, Mr Dewar will be delivering music on a Thursday morning this term.

School dinners are available for £1.80 or £9.00 for the full week. A menu is available from the office on request.

Our focus for Numeracy and Maths this term will be on Place Value and Addition. Part of Mr Palmer's time in class will focus on Problem Solving Skills. The children are experiencing Mastery of Maths daily and we hope this helps their mental agility.

We have started our Social Studies Topic of The Victorians and there has already been some great discussions and curiosity from the class. I am sure that it will be an enjoyable few weeks of learning as we see how different life was for children and adults during the reign of Queen Victoria.

As if this term wasn't busy enough, Melanie Thorne will be running a project funded by the Youth Music Initiative. Pupils will be taken out in groups of 4 for half an hour on a Monday morning.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter and I look forward to a successful year.

Ian Stevenson