

Dear Parents, this newsletter will remind you of changes and important notes / dates as we begin term 3.

P5 have settled back into the new term well and continue to work hard in their learning. However, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via email (gw09andersonjillian6@glow.sch.uk) or give the school a phone and I'll get back to you.

Thank you – G. Anderson



Numeracy this Term

In Numeracy we will continue to work on our times tables and division facts, which we didn't manage to cover last term, before beginning work on fractions, decimals and percentages.

We are going to be looking at Time – accurately reading analogue and digital clocks, to the nearest minute, as well as calculating durations of time.

Mental maths will continue to focus on mental strategies for +, -, x and ÷.



Literacy this Term

We will continue to use Accelerated Reader in class to read for enjoyment and with understanding. In group reading we will be improving our reading for information skills, asking and answering a range of literal and inferential questions. Our chosen novel to focus on this term is 'The Spiderwick Chronicles' by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black and this will be the basis of a variety of Literacy learning. In writing we will embark upon an exposition text and the layout of these, becoming more confident and independent in the structure and layout of these. We will then begin to learn and practise the features of a procedure text. Cursive/joined handwriting will continue to be a focus.

HWB in Term 3

Our well being focus this term is Responsible – Recognising and reflecting on my strengths and those of others. From this we will also be looking at our 'My World of Work' profile and completing that for P5. We will then begin to look at aspects of Food & Health.

Other Curricular Areas

IDL – This term we will be exploring a Scottish historical context to discover how past events the actions of individuals or groups have shaped Scottish society, developing skills such as; research, investigation, interpretation, recording, observing, describing and presenting.

Digital Literacy – This term we will focus on using the internet as a research tool, as well as using coding for the Micro:bits. P7 will also be in to teach us how to use the new Lego Spike resources. We will use the i-pads to create music as well as Stop-motion animations.

Skills Academy – This term P5 will be working with Mr Kerr in Skills Academy, with a focus on Our Solar System.

P.E. / House-keeping Reminders

On P.E. days please ensure that long hair is tied back. Proper P.E. kit should include joggers/leggings, a t-shirt, long sleeved top/hoodie as well as P.E. shoes. These should be, if possible, different from pupil's outdoor shoes as the hall would become muddy from dirty outdoor shoes.

We still have pupils who do not have indoor shoes. Please can I ask that these come into school as soon as possible. Pupils who do not have these may be restricted to the play area they have access to, which will help keep the class carpet mud-free!

Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle filled with fresh water and a snack each day. Please ensure pupil's snacks are separate from their packed lunch. Thank you.

PITCH Trousers & A Wee Reminder

As we are utilising the pitch every day and with the ever changing weather we have – appropriate clothing and footwear for playtime and lunchtime is more important than ever. Pupils should bring in a pair of spare trousers/joggers to put on (on top of their school trousers) when we are timetabled to play on the pitch/grassy areas at break or lunch. These can be kept in class and be sent home for a wash as needed. A spare pair of socks is also a good idea as pupils can also get wet, muddy feet.

Finally –

Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm and water-proof jacket every day.

Homework Reminders

Homework will remain the same as last term – It will be assigned to you via our P5 Team on a Tuesday every week. Each child can access Microsoft Teams via their Glow account.

Homework will include spelling practise each week (with a test on a Monday). Pupils will also receive numeracy and reading tasks. The homework routine/rota will be as follows –

Week One – Sumdog

Week Two – Reading activity

Week Three – Numeracy/Maths activity

Week Four – reading activity

Learning and Teaching

As per last term, I will deliver all classroom learning, with the help of Mr. Sharp for PE on a Monday & Tuesday. On a Monday pupils should come to school in their P.E. kit, but should bring their school uniform, to school, to change into. On a Tuesday pupils should come to school in their school uniform and we will change into PE kit before our lesson. Pupils will come home in their kit. P.E. kits can then stay at home until a Monday.

Dates for your Diary

* Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

* 12th/13th/14th February – Mid-term holiday

* Thursday 15th February – Visit to Lochthorn Library

* 23rd February – Learning Folders home

* Wednesday 28th / Thursday 29th February – PPT Talk Time– 3.30pm–5.00pm / 5.30pm–7.30pm

* Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – Dress for a bedtime story.

* Monday 11th March – Big Walk/Wheel

* Friday 15th March – Sports Relief

* Friday 22nd March – Last Day of Term 3

