



Primary 5 - Term One



Welcome back to school! A warm welcome to Primary 5!

Welcome back – I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and is ready for the year ahead. It has been lovely to see all the children in school and they all seem enthusiastic to learn. Please have a read of this newsletter and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

School Lunches

Please order school lunches in advance using the following link. Your child should know what has been ordered for them each day.

We would also like you to mark on if your child is having a packed lunch as this saves us time in the morning double-checking that everyone has something to eat!

[Order School Lunches here](#)

Communication

I have set up a class Teams page which will be the main communication tool used with the class throughout the year. This is the way homework will be shared and it is also the way you will be able to ask general classroom organisation questions. Pupils should be familiar with how to use Teams. It is vital that they log in to Teams regularly at home as this is where we post all information on homework and this is where we will post any notifications which the children need to be aware of. **Please help your child to check they can access the P5**

Teams page at home.

Alternatively, if you wish to contact us please send us an email. My email address is –

gw09andersongillian6@glow.sch.uk



Learning and Teaching

All curricular areas as set out in our curriculum overview will be delivered this year. I will deliver all of this learning, with the help of Mr. Sharp for PE on a Monday and Miss. McCormick who will teach Literacy & Health & Wellbeing on a Thursday afternoon.

Numeracy

During term 1 we will be focusing on number and place value of numbers up to 5 digits and beyond. We will compare, say, write, order these numbers, before rounding a range of numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

We will also be developing more accurate recall of multiplication and division facts whilst also looking at addition and subtraction when working with a larger number range.

In mental maths we will be working on 'Numbertalks', mental agility and Sumdog. Mental agility covers all aspects of maths & numeracy.

If time allows we will also spend time looking at Data Handling – creating and undertaking surveys, analysing the results and displaying these in a range of ways.

Literacy

In literacy will be working on descriptive writing, up-levelling our skills from last year.

This term we will be engaging with the text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Raúf and will develop our comprehension through this text. We will be analysing the text and language used and how this makes the reader feel. Through the text we will be writing imaginatively and using language to create atmosphere, suspense and develop settings and characters.

Pupils will continue to access Accelerated Reader Program to further improve reading comprehension skills.

Our grammar will entail parts of speech as well as apostrophes, commas and speech marks.

In French we will be working on numbers to 100 as well as learning the alphabet to spell our name.

IDL / Skills Academy

The beginning of the new school year has seen a focus on META skills and how these transfer to our world of learning, life and work.

We will practise and use these skills when we embark on 'Food Chains & Micro-organisms' and 'Diversity' contexts for learning.

Health and Wellbeing

In Health and Wellbeing Miss McCormick will begin to look at Relationships, sexual Health & Parenthood with a focus on different types of relationships and skills and qualities required for a positive relationship.

Changing emotions and how these can affect us will also be explored this term.

Our Wellbeing focus this term is 'Respected' which will look at communicating well to express feelings and developing the ability to talk about them.

PE Organisation

Pupils will have PE on a **Monday** and **Friday** this term.

On both days pupils should come to school with their kit in their school bag, to change into before our lesson. Pupils will come home both days wearing their kit and will have their school uniform in their bag.

Pupils should always have long hair tied up and earrings taped over or taken out.

PE kits should be a full change of clothes – t-shirt and bottoms.

Homework

Homework will be assigned to you via our P5 Team (which I have added all P5 pupils to) on a Tuesday every week. Homework will be due by the Monday of the following week. Each child can access Microsoft Teams via their Glow account. Please make sure you can access Glow as some homework tasks will begin **10th September**. Spelling will be given 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

Class information

Primary 5 is an almost full class with lots of bodies, and space is very limited. Therefore, we require your support in sending small backpacks where possible, with only the essentials your child needs for school. This MUST include a waterproof jacket for the ever-changing Scottish weather and a bottle of fresh water each day.

Please ensure that your child also has a snack in their school bag each day.

Pupils wanting to access the pitch should have a pair of old joggers/waterproof trousers to pull on to save their school uniforms from needing washed.

Can I please ask that **all** pupils have a pair of indoor shoes in school as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Small plea – I am looking for the following ...

* old t-shirt/shirt for art activities

* old socks to use to clean our whiteboards

* newspaper for art activities

Date for your Diary

We are having an Open Afternoon - welcome and getting to know your child's new environment and teacher on **Tuesday 17th September 2024** from 2.15-2.45pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Wider Achievements

We are always keen to hear about your child's wider achievements outside of school. Please encourage them to share these with us. You can find a master copy of the Wider Achievement Certificate in the class Teams page. They should go to the General channel and they will find it in the Files section at the top. Please download a copy of the master, edit it and then save as own copy.

