

TERM 2 NEWS

2024 • P5/6 • HEATHHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A message to all

Dear Parents and Students,
Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful October break filled with joy and relaxation. I am excited to see everyone again and ready to dive into an exciting new term together. We have many engaging activities and new topics planned that I can't wait to explore with our fantastic class. Let's make this term memorable and full of learning!

Looking forward to a great start!

Warm regards,
Miss Hunter & Miss McKinnell



Homework

This term I've set aside time during the school day for children to engage in practice of skills and ask any questions they may have. We will focus on a pupil-led assignment, and as we approach December, I will assign an extended piece of homework designed to support their in-class learning. While I'll ensure we have time to work on this in school, children may want to explore the topic further at home. Spelling words will still be uploaded to M.S. Teams each week if further repetition is preferred at home. I will not have the class write down or print these words as this will be optional and available on M.S. Teams each Tuesday.

Children have an A.R. book that must remain in class. The children also have a reading group, and I will read with each group at least once a week. Again, this book will stay in school.

Numeracy homework will continue to be assigned through Sumdog. Each numeracy group has a designated slot in class each week for those who cannot access Sumdog from home.

Each child has individual targets for numeracy, literacy, and reading, which I will share with them. These targets will also be sent home to encourage discussions with family members about their goals and to consolidate previous learning. The children have dedicated time to practice and work on their targets every morning. However, support from home can help them achieve these goals more quickly and allow for progression before the end of the term.

LAST NOTES

Please can I ask that all children have indoor shoes and a snack packed separately into their school bags. As we go into the colder weather, all children need to bring a coat and warmer clothes as outdoor breaks will still occur. The children will also need pitch trousers, and will not be allowed onto their pitch slots without a change of trousers. These can stay at school, along with indoor shoes.

Daily Routines

Every morning, we will begin with a soft start focus. This will include punctuation, spelling, handwriting, and various numeracy skills. The goal of the soft start is to create a calm and quiet beginning to the day, helping everyone support their emotional regulation before school starts. The classroom environment will be maintained at a whisper level during this time.

Term Focus

This term we will explore the history of Scotland and how it has shaped our current society.

As indicated by the children during term 1, most of the class has a specific aspect of history they are interested in learning about. In response, we will spend the first six weeks developing the skills needed to support their chosen topics. In the final two weeks of the term, children will create a report, fact file, or oral presentation on a historical figure of their choice, focusing on how this figure has influenced our society today.

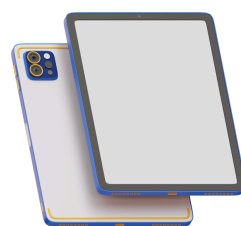
The skills developed this term will include literacy, digital technologies, expressive arts, and history. This approach will actively engage all children with the content while allowing them to experience a variety of concepts and skills across the curriculum.

Global Citizens

As part of our health and well-being lessons, we will examine global events to help us become responsible citizens. We will also investigate a UNCRC right each month.

Class iPads

The parent council raised funds to provide each class with an iPad, which will help me regularly update the P5/6 blog with photos of our learning activities. Please let me know if you prefer to keep your child off the blog or if you would like their faces covered in images. I'm happy to discuss this with you.



Physical Education

Mr Sharp will take all P5/6's PE classes this term, so the new PE days are Mondays and Tuesdays. Children must change into a PE kit, and they are expected to change back into school uniforms.

If you need to reach me, kindly utilise my email address instead of posting in Teams. I prefer to reserve the Teams platform solely for student use. My email address is gw23hunterkara@glowmail.sch.uk.
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