



# Primary 5 Newsletter – Term 3

Dear parents, I am delighted to introduce myself as the new class teacher for P5. We have had a great start to the year and are all enjoying getting to know one another as we settle into our routines. The children have been enthusiastic and welcoming, and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries by email (gw24dearerin@glow.sch.uk) or by phoning the office, and I will get back to you. I am always happy to help! Miss E Dear.

## Numeracy

This term, we will be focusing on developing skills in multiplication and division. We will be learning to understand various strategies to help solve problems and apply these skills with confidence.

We will also be exploring money, learning how to handle amounts, calculate change and solving real-life problems. We will then move onto fractions and percentages. In mental maths we will be continuing to work on 'Numbertalks', mental agility and Sumdog. Mental agility covers all aspects of maths & numeracy.

## Literacy

In class we will continue to use Accelerated Reader to read for enjoyment and with understanding. In reading we will be engaging with the text 'The Spiderwick Chronicles' by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black and will develop our comprehension through this text. We will be analysing the text and language used throughout.

In writing we are going to begin looking at narrative text types before moving onto some persuasive texts.

Our grammar will focus on speech marks and using these correctly in our narrative texts as well as looking at figurative language - alliteration, similes and onomatopoeia.

New spelling lists will be given out on a Tuesday and should be learned throughout the week, both at home and at school.

We will be starting to look at Spanish by exploring greetings, talking about ourselves and the weather.

## HWB

P.E. will be delivered by Mr Sharp this term on a Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning, the same as last term. All pupils will need to remember their PE kits for these days. In class, our HWB will be focusing on understanding substance misuse. Our well-being this term will be 'Nurtured'. We will look at making and keeping positive relationships to help build resilience and empathy in the class and outside of it.

## PE Reminders

Pupils should come to school on a Monday with their PE kit in their bag to change into before lunchtime. Pupils will come home in their PE kit that day. On a Wednesday, pupils should come to school in their PE kit with their school uniform to change into afterwards. This should consist of a change of bottoms and top. Long hair should be tied back.

## IDL

During this term, we will be exploring how animals communicate with each other and how they adapt to various habitats. We will also be looking at coding skills creating games and moving on to designing advertisements for them using digital technology.

Throughout our IDL, we will continue to work on META skills and how these link with skills for life, learning and work.

## Homework Reminders

Homework will be assigned to you via our P5 Team on a Tuesday every week. Each child can access Microsoft Teams via their Glow account. Please let me know if you are having technical problems when accessing Teams.

Spelling will be given each week (with a test on a Monday). Pupils will also receive numeracy and reading tasks through Teams.

## PITCH Trousers & A Wee Reminder

As we are utilising the pitch every day, weather permitting - appropriate clothing and footwear for playtime and lunchtime is more important than ever. Some pupils are coming in from their playtime damp and muddy and staying like this for the rest of the day. Pupils **MUST** bring in a pair of spare trousers/joggers to put on (on top of their school trousers) if they wish to go on the pitch/grassy areas. 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. All children **MUST** also have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when back in class.

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

## Dates for your Diary

**PPT Appointments** - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Look out for a link to the Form to identify your preferred day/time.

World Book Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March