

KIRKCUDBRIGHT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Any enquiries please contact
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Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you all had a wonderful October Break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and hear about their experiences, both near and afar. The boys and girls have returned to school with ease and look forward to the opportunities this busy, quick and enjoyable term will bring.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of P5 routines, curricular activities and expectations. I hope you find it useful.

P5 Staffing

As last term, please see below:

Teaching Staff	
Monday	Mr J. Flannighan
Tuesday	Ms J. McLeman (9.00a.m. – 11.50a.m.) and Mr A. McClure (11.50a.m. – 3.15p.m.)
Wednesday	Ms J. McLeman (9.00a.m. – 9.45a.m.) and Mr J. Flannighan (9.45a.m. – 3.15p.m.)
Thursday	Mr J. Flannighan
Friday	Mr J. Flannighan

Support Staff
Mrs C. Pearsall (Support for Learning Teacher) Miss N. Irving (Learning Assistant) Mrs K. McCulloch (Learning Assistant) Miss G. Storey (Learning Assistant)

Timetable

As last term, please see below:

Mathematics	Daily.
Literacy and English	Daily.
Health and Well-being.	Focus: Daily / Weekly. Physical Education and Sport (P.E): 2 Hours (Weekly).
Religious and Moral Education	Focus Blocks.
Expressive Arts	Art and Design: Weekly with Ms McLeman. Music: Focus Blocks with Mr McClure. Drama or Dance: Focus Blocks.
Technologies Sciences Social Subjects	Throughout the year these subjects will be taught individually and through our cross-curricular (topic) focus. They will be taught each week.

Cross Curricular / Interdisciplinary Topics

The main context for learning this term will be 'Needs of Communities and Fair-Trade'. The 'Learning Focus Overview,' which details the learning focuses within the areas detailed above, will be issued on Friday 11th November 2023.

Ways that you can help with cross-curricular learning...

- If you have any items, linked with our topics, I would be grateful if you could share these. I can assure you that great care will be taken of anything on loan.
- It would be a great help if you could assist with class outings and with activities within the classroom (when requested). Extra bodies can enhance the children's learning!
- If you have any skills, experience or expertise linked with the curriculum e.g. science, technologies, health-care, public services, catering... let me know, this can enhance learning!
- I would be grateful if you would look out for letters/forms issued, filling them in and returning them to school as **promptly** as possible. Often late returns can slow proceedings... **Please check your e-mails regularly**. Letters are often sent this way to save paper and enable the school to be more sustainable.
- Check out the 'Kirkcudbright Primary Facebook Page' (<https://facebook.com/KBTPrimary>) on a Friday. Like the 'Weekly News' post, including individual pictures. Comment on what's been going in in P5. Celebrate the learning and give the learners encouragement and motivation!

Homework

Homework will follow a similar format to last term. Please see below:

Spelling	Weekly. Distributed on a Monday and handed in by Thursday.
Reading	Accelerated Reading Encourage Accelerated Reading at home. This term, your child should read at least thirty minutes per day at home (this may be increased for some learners). Your child can complete tests, based on the book read at home too. P.M. Reading Scheme Practise the pages detailed in your child's homework diary. If applicable, practise the Coloured Blending Booklet, High-Frequency Words and Letter Sounds daily. Other reading tasks may be given throughout the term.
Maths	Distributed after a block of teaching in class, to consolidate learning. Targeted numeral, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division practice will be issued, as required. Sumdog will be established in term 2.
Cross Curricular	A short personal project will be sent home in due course. This will be linked with the main context for learning – 'Needs of the Community and Fair-Trade'.

As last term, set homework will be issued and submitted at consistent, regular intervals. Any homework issued will be noted in your child(ren)'s homework diary(ies). **Homework tasks are entered in the date on which they are due.**

Please practise the materials contained in your child's reading folder as often as possible. I endeavour to discuss homework prior to sending it home so your child is aware of what is expected.

Homework will be submitted physically and house points will be awarded to all children who hand their homework tasks in on time. If homework is not submitted on time, a 'leeway day' will be given. If your child is struggling with homework, please get in contact and we can discuss to find solutions.

Celebrating Personal Achievements of Pupils

Not all learning happens in school, so please send to school with your child, certificates, rosettes, trophies, cups, shields or simply a note, to share any achievements out of school. This will enable me to celebrate and record your child(ren)'s wider achievements within school e.g. display, at assembly, in class... These will be shared on the 'Weekly News' Facebook Post.

Coats / Jackets

Children will play outdoors where weather permits. Please check the weather forecast, ensuring your child has suitable clothing (waterproof jacket, waterproof shoes etc).

P.E. Kit

This term, P.E. and S will mostly be indoors; however, it will be outdoors where weather permits. I suggest sending in a hoodie/jumper and/or joggers, to add to the kit. This will keep your child suitably warm and comfortable.

We will be taking part in 'Daily Mile', outside, most days. Please check the weather forecast, ensuring your child has suitable clothing (waterproof jacket, waterproof shoes etc). 'There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing!'

Parent / Carer Consultations

Parent consultations are on Tuesday 14th November (3.30p.m. – 6.30p.m.) and Tuesday 21st November (5.00p.m. – 8.00p.m.). Information to follow.

Diary Dates

- Monday 27th November: Flu Vaccinations.
- Monday 18th December: Christmas Party.
- Friday 22nd December: Last Day of Term.

Finally...

Thank you for taking the time to read this wee information letter. I hope you have found it useful. As always, I am here should you have any questions or queries. Please don't hesitate to get in contact (see below).

- **Telephone:** Phone the school office on 01557 332 610, before 9.00a.m. (small matters only) or after the school day (larger matters).
- **Email:** gw10flannighanjames@glow.sch.uk
- **Notes:** You can send a note in with your child to notify me of small matters e.g. change of pick up, upcoming absence... Make sure your child knows about the note and to hand it to me on entry to the classroom. Sometimes they can get lost or forgotten.
- **Meeting:** If there is a larger matter you'd like to discuss, please contact the school office on 01557 332 610 to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Likewise, if I have any issues, I will get in contact with you.

I look forward to working with you, your child(ren) and your family throughout the term.

Kind regards,

Mr J. Flannighan
Class Teacher