



Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 5. We hope you all had a lovely October break and are ready for another busy term ahead which will be full of seasonal celebrations. We hope you enjoyed 'Meet the Teacher' as did we! We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you at our Parent Consultations.

Literacy

Reading

This term we are studying the text features of non-fiction and developing our understanding of fact and opinion in this genre. We will be skimming and scanning these texts for information and practising our skills in note taking.



Spelling

We are continuing to practise and spell Active Literacy phonemes and common words using strategies such as diacritical marking, syllabification and elkonin boxes.

Writing

We will continue with imaginative writing and look forward to creating stories based around the seasonal celebrations. Our new focus will be functional writing linked to our natural disaster topic. We will continue to develop the use of paragraphs, expand the use of punctuation and explore vocabulary.

Handwriting

The children have been learning to join their handwriting and are now aiming to join their handwriting in everyday written work.

Health & Wellbeing

PATHS/Core health

We are continuing to focus on relationships and our emotional wellbeing through the PATHS programme. In core health we will be learning how to react in emergency situations. We will also be looking road safety helped by the schools JRSO team!



Homework

Homework grids will be sent home to be completed over a 4-week period. This will include a mixture of literacy, numeracy, and other curricular area tasks. We recommend the pupils complete one literacy, one numeracy and one additional task per week.

PE -Please be reminded gym days are Wednesday and Thursday for P5HM and Monday and Thursday for PSF, full gym kit is required to be worn during these lessons. We are focussing on Tennis and Volleyball this term.

Numeracy

Decimal Places, adding and subtracting.

We will be learning about decimal place and understanding the value of the numbers after the decimal point. We will then be using this knowledge to help us add and subtract with these numbers.



Multiplication/Division

We will continue to revise multiplication and division. Please continue to revise all tables at home.

Shape, Angles and Symmetry

We will be continuing shape looking at nets of a 3D shape. Discovering angles and how to calculate an angle as well as furthering our knowledge of symmetry.

Contexts for Learning

Natural Disasters

Linking nicely with the IDL topic of climate change in term 1, will be investigating a variety of natural disasters such as tsunamis, volcanoes, earthquakes etc. We will take part in some scientific experiments and study the geography/weather of these disasters.



ICT

We will be visiting the ICT suite regularly where we will continue to practise using search engines for our IDL research. We will be accessing our own email accounts and learning how to independently open/respond and delete emails. We will be looking at online features such as hyperlinks and recognising what online resources are reliable and unreliable. We will regularly practise our touch typing on the class laptops.