



Mr Buchanan-Smith and Mr Clark (new to p5 this term) would like to extend a warm welcome to all our P5 pupils and parents, and hope you all had a lovely October holiday. Miss Houston is also delighted to be continuing to teaching P5B on a Thursday. Both classes have settled very well into their new 'pod' classrooms and we can't wait to share all the learning from term 1 and term 2 you at our Parents Evening Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November. We are all looking forward to a very busy and fun term ahead.

Literacy

Reading

Our book study this term is 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. Through our novel, we will be practicing skills associated with the active literacy strategies, including inference, visualisation, summarising, etc. We will also be exploring the new vocabulary we discover while reading.



Spelling

We are continuing our spelling practice using the Wraparound scheme. We will also be learning specific spelling rules to help us avoid making common mistakes.

Writing

Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at both narrative writing and persuasive writing. We will be encouraging the children to use joined-up handwriting.

Health & Wellbeing

Both classes have created their class charter to ensure we have a happy, respectful, and safe classroom environment.

As part of our core Health and Wellbeing curriculum both classes will be exploring and understanding substance misuse. We will also be studying social-emotional wellbeing and the importance of maintaining this.

We will continue with PATHS lessons and will begin this year exploring different feelings in relationships and getting along with others.

P.E.

The children are asked to bring their gym kit on the following days:

P5F – Monday and Wednesday

P5B – Thursday and Friday

Numeracy

Number

P5 will be looking at the following mathematical topics: measurement, multiplication and division, 2D shape/3D objects, grid references. Both classes will also be covering fractions, decimals and percentages towards the end of term and this will continue into term 3.



Multiplication/Division

Primary 5 will continue to revise and learn the times tables up to 10 through playing games, learning songs, online activities and completing challenges. We are also learning to multiply and divide 3 or more-digit numbers. P5-7 are excited to be part of a new initiative to make learning their times tables fun. More information will be posted on learning journals about the initiative with videos on how to support your child at home.

Primary 5 are also learning about the importance of showing our calculations during number talks and presenting our written work neatly in our numeracy jotters.

Contexts for Learning

IDL

Through our novel and other areas, we will be studying the Vikings this term. We will be taking part in outdoor learning activities (weather-dependent). During this term we will be taking a closer look at the origins of certain historical events and holidays within the calendar months ahead, e.g. Halloween, Guy Fawkes Night, Remembrance Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to partake in expressive and creative art activities within the topics mentioned.

Science

We will be studying "forces and friction" and will be using practical activities whenever possible to reinforce the learning.

ICT

We will be conducting online research specifically on the Vikings and their way of life. We will be learning how to research using the internet correctly, and how websites can and can't be trusted for information.