Primary Five NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2026-2027

Teacher's Note

Welcome back to the busy Christmas term when we will be looking forward to celebrating Hallowe'en and Christmas.
Dates for your diary – Hallowe'en disco is on Thursday 29th October, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Parents' Nights are on Wednesday 11th of November 3.15pm – 5.25pm and Thursday 12th of November 5.15pm – 7.25pm.

Literacy

We will be focusing on non-fiction texts linking to our natural disasters topic. We will work on important skills like skimming and scanning, identifying key information, note-taking and summarising. We will also practise identifying whether information is factual, or is based on opinion.
We will work on recounts linked to experiencing a natural disaster, information reports displaying information about natural disasters as well as instructional writing linked to how to prepare for one.
Within our Wraparound Spelling programme, T2 is based on long vowel sounds. These will continue to be posted on Learning Journals so you can help your child practise this at home.
We will continue to improve our reading fluency during reading theatre lessons and our imaginative writing will be developed through our 10 minute write sessions (Pobbles).
Pupils have logins for several useful literacy websites for homework, including Nessy for individualised spelling reinforcement and Giglets for reading.

Numeracy

In term 2 we will continue to use rounding, estimating and place value in all numeracy contexts.
Number work will focus on the four functions; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Focusing on learning strategies for each and building our confidence in choosing the strategy that works best for us.
We will use number operations when working on money and finance, solving word problems in real-life contexts.

We will also continue the Monster Multiplication Masters programme, aiming to make pupils as fluent and proficient in multiplying and dividing as possible. Pupils have now all been assessed and are working at the correct multiplication station for them. Learning our multiplication and division facts is a priority throughout the year and even 5 minutes practice a day at home is a huge help!

Context for Learning

Our topic this term is natural disasters. We will be learning about the physical geography of Earth and how it contributes to many types of disasters. We will learn about the main places in the world that are affected, and about different types of technology which can help us prepare for these events.

We hope to have Joe Gallagher from Creative Minds in to lead drama lessons relating to Pompeii.

Health and Wellbeing

P.E – This term we will be working on a block of badminton. We will be learning how to hold the racket, serve with a shuttle cock, participate in rallies with a partner over the net and building our skills up to a game. We will also have some taster sessions of Scottish dancing in preparation for our Christmas Party.

Core Health – HWB this term will include looking at how to react in an emergency, fitting well with our natural disasters topic. We will also look at the dangers of alcohol and tobacco, with a bigger focus on smoking and vaping. We will consider how peer pressure and social media can influence decision-making.