

**Numeracy**

**Number:**

We have begun adding and subtracting numbers to 10000. The children will continue to use a variety of concrete materials to facilitate this and reinforce their learning. As the term progresses, pupils will also develop confidence when using pictorial and written representations of addition and subtraction sums.

**Beyond Number:**

In our Beyond Number work this term, pupils will focus on money. This will include identifying different monetary notations, budgeting and calculating change from £20 and £50. This area of numeracy was selected in order to compliment their studies surrounding addition & subtraction.

**Problem Solving:**

This area of the curriculum will primarily be delivered by Mrs Doris in Term 2. However, it will continue to be incorporated into all curricularareas including maths. The children will have opportunities to use a range of problem-solving strategies and encouraged to explain their processes.

**Welcome!**

Welcome back to school. We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing October break and is ready for Term 2

**Primary 5 Newsletter**

**Class Teachers:**

Primary 5a: Mrs Woodward

Primary 5b: Mr McLaughlin

**Literacy**

**Reading:** Through engaging with our weekly class reading book, the children will continue to develop confidence in reading through the use of reading strategies such as prediction, sequencing and using effective descriptions. Pupils will continue to use PM reading books and class novels. As Christmas approaches our class novel study will be ‘The Grinch.’ This will allow the pupils to further apply skills and knowledge gained from weekly reading lessons.

**Writing:** In our writing activities the children will continue to develop confidence when using VCOP – (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation.) In Term 2 we will continue to study descriptive writing, however, this will focus more on setting rather than character. This will allow the pupils to apply the skills they have acquired during Term 1. We will also look at discursive writing. Issues such as fireworks and whether they should be banned will facilitate our writing pieces

**Talking & Listening:**  In Talking and Listening we will continue to participate in activities to help us develop our talking and listening skills. The children will utilise a variety of skills such as partner tasks, group work and class presentations to build on their confidence in using spoken language. As Christmas approaches, we will deliver solo talks based on Christmas traditions from around the world. P5 will also be involved in the school Christmas show.



**Gym**

During Term 2 our gym lessons will continue to be delivered on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Pupils are asked to bring their gym kit in a labelled bag and will get changed in school. Pupils can wear a polo shirt, shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms in the school colours. No football strips please.

Please ensure all jewellery can be removed before PE sessions.

**Creative Learning**

In Term 2, class lessons will continue to be delivered in a variety of exciting and engaging ways. These will include individual, group and class work. We will use a variety of materials and resources to make learning fun and engaging. We now have our class iPads and beginning to build and develop our digital skills. As the weather is colder and wetter than in Term 1, pupils are asked to dress appropriately, as we will continue to engage with outdoor learning.

**Health and Wellbeing**

Due to the success of our morning check-ins, pupils will continue to participate in our emotions check in every morning. We will continue to use the strategies that enable us to regulate our emotions. As part of our health & Well being studies, pupils have looked at healthy food choices relating to Halloween treats and how to stay safe and act responsibly on Bonfire night. As the mornings and evenings become darker, pupils will investigate ways to stay safe when coming to and leaving school. This will form the basis of our road safety week campaign

**Interdisciplinary Learning**

Through our Interdisciplinary Learning, pupils will engage with two topics in Term 2. Firstly, pupils will study Autumn celebrations. This will include Halloween, Bonfire night, Remembrance Day and St Andrews Day. During the month of November, we will also celebrate Catholic Education week. As we approach Christmas, pupils will study the Grinch by Dr Seuss. As part of this topic, pupils will have the chance to engage with an enterprise project, designing and creating Christmas trinkets which will then be sold at our Christmas Fair

**Homework**

Thank you for supporting your child to complete their homework throughout Term 1. Homework will continue to be given via jotters, Seesaw and Sumdog. This will follow the same format as Term 1 and will be given each Monday and should be completed by Friday. Please see jotters for homework routines and feel free to ask if there are any questions.