

Welcome to our Primary 5SL Newsletter!

**Term 1
2023**

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I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to embarking upon a new session as you enter primary 5. Not only a new session, but a new school, new pupils, and some new teachers.

Interdisciplinary Learning

P5SL will focus our interdisciplinary learning on Spain. In doing so, we will learn some facts about Spain (location, monarchy, famous exports) and facets of Spanish life (culture, routines etc.); comparing this to living in central Scotland. We will also conduct a series of stand-alone Science investigations within the STEM room as the children learn about properties of materials.

Health and Wellbeing

P5SL will utilise Emotion Works programme along with SHANARRI indicators SAFE (road safety & online safety) along HEALTHY (balanced diet).

P.E

Tuesday (Outdoor): Handball (invasion games) We shall work on transferrable skills in passing, moving and teamwork that are important in many team invasion games, along with specific skills for handball.

Thursday (Indoor): Fitness (circuits & Meta-fit) Our focus during our indoor PE time will be fitness. This shall incorporate a range of both cardiovascular and strength conditioning exercises.

It is important that the children wear suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE sessions. A water bottle will be required and please remember that all jewellery must be removed on gym days.

ICT

Children will continue to develop their skills on the iPad and laptops using a range of software packages and apps such as Sumdog and Scratch (coding).

Literacy

Reading & spelling will focus on North Lanarkshire Active literacy programme this session. We shall revise the six main reading strategies prior to implemented these to show our understanding of the texts read in class. Spelling activities will encourage children to reinforce their understanding of spelling patterns and phonemes via a range of active spelling strategies. In writing, the children will develop their narrative writing with particular focus on VCOP strategies as we aim to improve and expand our sentences using a broadening range of vocabulary, conjunctions, varied openers, and wider range of punctuation. Grammar and handwriting activities shall also be implemented to support our writing on a weekly basis.

Numeracy

P5SL numeracy focus will be on understanding of number, in particular; Place Value, Rounding & Estimating and understanding number operations. Moreover, a weekly focus of Number Talks will be implemented to help the children build their mental capacity for solving number problems set using a range of mental strategies. To complement our focus on number, our maths aspect of this term will be Measure (length, weight & capacity) using standard and non-standard units of measure.

Homework

Homework will be uploaded each Monday onto teams (see separate channels for each curricular area and folders for each group) and completed assignments are to be returned at the end of the school week inside the homework jotter and folder. Reading, Spelling and Maths homework will form the basis of the routine homework, along with some additional IDL, HWB or other curricular areas homework from time to time to supplement the core literacy and maths homework.

Key Dates for the Term

September Weekend – Friday 22nd and Monday 25th Inclusive.

October Week – Monday 16th until Friday 20th October inclusive.