

Welcome to our Primary 5SL Newsletter!

**Term 1
November**

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Welcome Back Primary 5SL

I hope you all had a wonderful October holiday and are looking forward to the remainder of the term from now until our Winter break.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)/Science

P5SL will continue to focus our IDL on Spain over the next few weeks before we embark upon some Enterprise (Christmas Craft) activities as we approach the Festive period. We will continue to conduct a series of stand-alone Science investigations within the STEM room as the children learn about forces, electricity, and waves.

Health and Wellbeing

P5SL use North Lanarkshire Councils 'Healthy' approach, with SHANARRI indicator; HEALTHY, ACHIEVING & NURTURED being the focus across a range of activities aimed at developing our understanding of food & health, along with how to lead a healthy lifestyle.

P.E

Tuesday (Outdoor): Football (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 football.

Thursday (Indoor): Dance & Gymnastics
We shall prepare for our Christmas parties by rehearsing some traditional Scottish dances. In gymnastics we shall focus on travelling, balancing and working collaboratively.

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

Literacy

Reading & spelling continue to focus on North Lanarkshire Active literacy programme this session. Children have been working well to show their understanding of reading and spelling strategies implemented for texts read in class. Spelling activities continue to encourage children to reinforce their understanding of spelling patterns and phonemes via a range of active spelling strategies. In writing, the children have written a range of narrative stories along with some fact-files and report writing for IDL and science. We will continue to write imaginative stories alongside some instructional pieces of writing related to Enterprise. Grammar and handwriting activities will continue to be implemented to support our writing on a weekly basis.

Numeracy

P5SL will continue to focus will be on understanding of number, in particular: decimal fractions, number operations and order of operations. Daily Number Talks activities are implemented to help the children build their mental capacity for solving number problems set using a range of mental strategies. We are currently focused on Subtraction. To complement our focus on number, our maths aspect of through December will be Measure (length, weight & capacity) using standard and non-standard units of

Homework

Homework will continue to be uploaded each Monday onto teams (see separate channels for each curricular area and folders for each group). Completed activities 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, alongside some additional options to complete. I've been delighted to see some wonderful examples of homework completed during the term so far; keep it up Primary 5!

Key Dates for the Term

Inservice 3 – Monday 13th November
P5 & P6 Christmas Party – Friday 15th December
School closes – Friday 22nd December 2:30pm