

# Welcome to our Primary 5SL Newsletter!

**Term 2**  
**January 2024**

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## Welcome Back Primary 5SL

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to the new term in 2024.

### Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)/Science

Over the next few weeks, we shall be researching **Famous Scots**, learning about their achievements, and recognising their expertise in their chosen field. Thereafter, a short enterprise initiative shall be implemented around the ideology of **Fair Trade**. We shall conclude our IDL for the term by investigating **Drumpellier** and surrounding area. In science we shall continue to investigate **Forces, Electricity, and Waves** before we begin our focus on **Biological Systems**, conducting a series of stand-alone Science investigations within the STEM room.

### Health and Wellbeing

P5SL use North Lanarkshire Councils 'Healthy' approach, with SHANARRI indicator; ACTIVE, RESPECTED & RESPONSIBLE 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):** Striking and Fielding (rounders/cricket) & Hockey (invasion games)  
We shall work on transferrable skills in passing, moving and teamwork that are important in many team & invasion games,

**Thursday (Indoor):** Basketball (invasion games) and Badminton (rebound/net games)

Once more, we shall focus on individual skills in passing, moving and shooting along with skills involved in being part of a team.

In badminton, we shall focus on striking using a racquet, returning, serving and improving our agility and reactions.

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.

## 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. The outset of the term shall focus on non-fiction before reembarking upon group novels until the end of the term. 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 shall focus on poetry, narrative, persuasive writing, and report writing for IDL and science. 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: factors and primes, number operations and fractions, decimals and percentages. 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 multiplication and will also cover division throughout the term.

To complement our focus on number, our maths aspect of through the term will be money, time, shape (3D properties), and patterns & relationships.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be uploaded each Monday onto teams (see separate channels for each curricular area and folders for each group). Paper copies are also available. 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 routine homework, alongside some additional options. 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

Mid-term Break - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
In-service Day – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Parent Progress Meeting – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024