

Welcome to our Primary 5SL Newsletter!

Term3
April 2024

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Welcome Back Primary 5SL

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to the final term of the 2023/2024 session.

Interdisciplinary Learning

(IDL)/Science

Over the next few weeks, we shall be learning about the **Olympics**, learning about their origins in Ancient Greece, recognising their redevelopment in the late 1900's, and investigating recent Olympics as we look forward to Paris 2024. Thereafter, a study of the local environment shall be implemented. We shall be investigating **Drumpellier** and **Summerlee**, learning about people in the past and the use of the land in this area. In science we shall focus upon **Planet Earth**, learning about characteristics of animals and plants, 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; INCLUDED being the focus across activities aimed at developing our understanding of food & health, along with how to lead a healthy lifestyle. We shall also be learning about RSHP (Relationships. Sexual Health. & Parenting).

P.E

Monday (Indoor): Tennis - Focus on striking using a racquet, returning, serving, and improving our agility and reactions.

Tuesday (Outdoor): Athletics. We shall be learning about a range of athletics disciplines in preparation for sports day.

Thursday (Sir Matt Busby):
Dry-side – Team games and challenges
Wet- side – Swimming lessons

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 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 reembarcking 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: number operations, and fractions, decimals and percentages. Mental math & 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 shall revisit Number Talks strategies covered during term 1 & 2. To complement our focus on number, our maths aspect of through the term will be money, time, data handling, chance and probability, angle, symmetry and transformation, 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

In-service Day – Thursday 2nd May 2024
Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024
Parent Progress Meeting – Monday 20th May 2024
Mid-term Break - Friday 24th & Monday 27th May 2024
P5SL Assembly – Friday 31st May 2024
2023/2024 Pupil Reports – Friday 14th June 2024
P5SL/P5SH Trip to Summerlee – Wednesday 19th June 2024