

Welcome to our Primary 5Sm Newsletter!

**Term 1
2024**

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Welcome to Primary 5Sm

I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday despite the typical Scottish weather. The children have all settled in well to Primary 5 and they are showing enthusiasm for learning. There will be lots of exciting topics covered this year and we will be making use of our outdoor environment. So, please remember to dress your child for the climatic conditions.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we will begin with a science topic on microorganisms. The children will have the opportunity to participate in experiments, testing and complete research for this. We will also complete a topic on Fairtrade and link the importance of the Global Goals to this. Our final topic this term will be The Vikings. The children will compare Viking life to their own life today.

Health and Wellbeing

The children will continue to develop their understanding of Children's Rights. We have agreed on our class charter which we will refer to and reflect on regularly. This term we will also be focusing on the SHANARRI indicators Safe, Healthy, Achieving and Nurtured.

P.E

Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Friday will be our outdoor PE day so please remember a coat/jacket and warmer clothing as the weather turns cooler. Also remember to bring a full water bottle and remove any jewellery before coming to school. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. This term we will cover football, dance and badminton during our PE sessions.

ICT

The children have all successfully logged into Glow from school and they will require these details to access technology in school. If you must change the password, could you please ensure your child knows this for school access. The children will be learning about staying safe online as part of their learning. They will also learn coding as part of our computer science topic. Children will also have the opportunity to input and edit documents on Microsoft applications.

Literacy

The children have been enjoying our class novel 'The Wild Robot'. We have been reading this together and using the book to develop comprehension reading strategies. The children will now use their learning for their own books and will read the same book at home as they read in class.

In spelling the children will continue to follow the NLC spelling programme. They will develop their understanding of phonemes, spelling rules and common words. Spelling will be assessed on a Friday. In writing the children will continue to focus on their core targets throughout all of their writing. They will be encouraged to self-assess their work and identify their areas for development. This term we will cover Narrative writing, Persuasive writing and Information report writing.

Numeracy

The children will participate in daily active maths and number talk sessions to develop their mental agility. Maths will be incorporated throughout the curriculum, and they will reinforce their learning with ICT, Reciprocal Teaching and Outdoor Learning. This term we will be investigating multiples, factors and prime numbers and the different ways to measure length, volume and area.

Homework

Homework will be uploaded onto Teams on a weekly basis. There will be literacy and numeracy homework which the children can complete in their jotters. Please remember to bring the reading books to school **Every Day** as the children will need them for class work. Homework should be handed in on a Friday with the children's folders.

Key Dates for the Term

September Weekend – 27th – 30th September
October Week – 14th - 18th October
Inservice Day – 18th November
Class Assembly – 6th December
Christmas Break – 20th December at 2.30pm