

Welcome to P5



TERM 2 - October to December 2022

A very busy term coming up so please keep an eye on Twitter and your emails to keep up to date with events,

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term, our IDL focus will continue to be Titanic. The children will focus on personal/group research of their chosen topic/area. This will be shared through a class presentation. The class will focus on any aspect that they wish to research to give personalisation and choice. There will be a focus on science with investigating sinking and floating, buoyancy and materials. Don't worry, there will also be lots of opportunities to explore Halloween, Guy Fox and our favourite... Christmas!



Literacy

Writing

This term, our focus will be on functional writing. We will continue to target our sentence structure and the use of capital letters and full stops being used effectively. We are Self-Assess/ Peer-Assess on a weekly basis, allowing us to identify what we have done really well, what we have done at times and what we need to work on and focus on each week - this will continue in term 2.

Spelling/Grammar

With our two spelling groups, our Minions and Shrek will work on a two weekly cycle covering our spelling rules with plenty active work involved to improve their spelling and introduce new strategies. Grammar will be covered on a weekly basis with concepts linking to their functional writing and these skills will be transferred into their writing.

Reading

Please encourage your child to spend time at home reading their books in depth. Ask them to think about the characters and the setting - this will help your child form their question for homework to share with their group. The children are now participating in Literacy circles to lead their own groups through the use of a Chairperson and a new focus each week. Children should create a question each week as part of their homework to get the others in their group really thinking and discussing it in depth. This will lead to one child each week having the "Killer Question". The children will begin to use their reciprocal reading skills to enhance their skills further. This includes - Prediction, Summarising, Clarifying and Questioning.

Numeracy

This term we will be focusing addition and subtraction in multiples of 10/100/1000 and decimal fractions to one decimal places. Multiplication and division of whole numbers by multiples of 10/100/1000. There will continue to be a daily focus on improving our mental agility through our daily 10 challenge and recall through our Number Talks and focusing on a new strategy each week. Mrs Provan will be delivering the Beyond Number curriculum and will be continuing with time and will then begin symmetry and patterns.



Health and Wellbeing

In Health, the children will continue working on building our resilience skills, how to work as a team and promoting #BeKind. They will also explore friendships and know that people can feel alone and identify how to support each other. As well as a focus on how to keep yourself and others safe when travelling. Please remind our children about end of day procedures especially as the days are darker. In PE, there will be a focus on Racquet skills, health related fitness and continuing to work as part of a team, working with different groups of whom you wouldn't normally with and winning and losing.



Additional Information:

PE

PE is on a **Wednesday and Friday**. If for any reason your child cannot take part, please hand a note in to school to make us aware of this.

Homework

Homework consists of Spelling, Reading and Numeracy. I am still happy for your child to complete their homework during the "soft starts" in a morning if this suits you best as a family and takes some pressure off you. The choice is up to you.

Homework is issued on a **Monday** morning and should be returned on a **Friday**. (before if you like)

Spelling

A weekly assessment will take place on a Friday morning through a spelling test.

Water bottles

Water bottles to be brought in on a daily basis. These will be refilled throughout the day, when required.

Twitter

Please follow our Class Twitter at: **@MrsMacLeodIPSP5** to see what we are up to throughout our day! It is updated on a daily basis and is a lovely way to show you what we have been up to! Please feel free to like or comment on our posts.

Learning Journals

Our Learning Journals will be sent home fortnightly. This is to promote discussion about learning at home and gives the children the perfect opportunity to become a Tiny Teacher!

Please return Learning Journals on a **Monday** in your child's bag for safe keeping.

It was lovely to meet so many of you during the parent's evening. I hope if you have any future concerns that you will not hesitate to get in touch.

It is so important that "OUR" children know we are working together to support them.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Glow disco is on Tuesday 7th November 6-7:30pm.

Halloween information - children can wear costumes that are appropriate for their age, to school or bring in a bag to change into at lunchtime. We will have some activities in class.

Please keep an eye on Twitter (X) as I post daily and give lots of reminders and information on this forum.

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