

Welcome Back!

Welcome back! This term we will be focusing on settling into our brand new school. We will be exploring new spaces, developing new routines and discussing all of the emotions that go with these big changes. Alongside this we will be continuing to develop our learning across all curricular areas and we will also continue to develop our self-management skills and exploratory learning through our Independent Learning sessions.

Topic

This term our topic will be Weather and Climate. During our discussions around Newsround, P4/5 have shown a particular interest in climate change and the impact that it is having on our planet, so we have decided to investigate this further. In particular we will be investigating our country's climate, comparing it to the climate of other countries around the world, investigating the causes of climate change, the impact on the world around us, and we will be using our problem solving skills to get creative with ways to try to reverse these changes.

Literacy

Reading: We will continue with class reading groups and comprehension tasks. This term we will be continuing to develop our Higher Order Reading skills, including: predicting, clarifying, summarising, questioning and connecting. We will also be developing these through our class novel - *Charlotte's Web*. We will also be investigating writers' techniques, including word choice, sentence structure, imagery and punctuation.

Spelling: We will continue to learn a new weekly spelling pattern using our structured spelling programme.

Writing: This term our focus will be on narrative (creative writing).

Listening and Talking: Children will participate in individual and group tasks throughout the term, and we will be discussing current world news topics through Newsround.

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Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy: We will be working on Multiplication, Division and Money. Please keep practising times table facts at home!

Maths: We will be learning about Time, and Data Handling in connection with our topic.

P.E.

This term, P4/5 will be developing their teamwork, resilience and athletic skills, with the help of Craig from Active Schools, who will be joining us for sessions on a Wednesday. We will also have the chance to develop our football skills with Ceiran from Involvefocus football. Children will have the opportunity to join his lunchtime drop-in session every Friday, and the whole class will be working with Ceiran every other Friday afternoon.

Children should not bring P.E. kits to school at this time, but should instead come to school in comfortable clothing (jogging bottoms or shorts) that are suitable for outdoor P.E. Please also ensure that your child has suitable footwear on these days.

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning will take place frequently throughout the week. Therefore, could I please ask that all children come to school in appropriate outdoor clothing and bring a waterproof jacket. Children should also bring a pair of indoor shoes so that we can keep our school free of grass and mud.

Music

This term P4/5 will be receiving percussion music lessons from Mrs Allan on a Wednesday.

Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be continuing to work on managing our emotions using the Zones of Regulation, developing strategies to help us manage ourselves both in the classroom and in the playground.

P4/5 will also be learning about their bodies. We will be learning the correct names for our body parts, about our bodies and privacy, as well as similarities, diversities and respect for others.

Homework

Reading homework will be issued on a Friday for the following Friday. Could you please ensure that children bring their reading book and reading record to school with them every day, as reading activities will take place frequently throughout the week. Please ensure that your child's reading record has been signed so that we know that they have completed their reading with an adult.

If you have internet access, I would also recommend that your child spends a minimum of 20 minutes on Sumdog per week, as this will help their recall of basic facts in numeracy. All children were sent home with a login card last term, so they should all have their login details for Sumdog. I would also encourage frequent practise of times tables.

Thank you all for your understanding during these crazy times, and for your support during my surgery and recovery. I am pleased to report that I am doing well, and I am very glad to be back with my P4/5 team!

If you have any questions please contact the main office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I will try to keep you all updated as frequently as possible through our class Facebook page.

Miss Wilson. 😊