

During our recent parental views survey, parents suggested they would like to know more about our staff. Since we cannot have families in the building at the moment due to government guidelines to meet the teacher, we asked our boys and girls the types of questions they would like to know about their teachers. Read below to learn a little bit more about us and see some pictures of our lovely classroom.

## **Mrs Slater**



### **Introducing Mrs Slater**

Hi everyone! Mrs Slater here!

This year I will be your child's teacher from Mondays to Thursdays; with Miss Duff being the teacher on Fridays.

I have worked at Corsehill for a grand total of 17 years!

(I know! I can hardly believe it either! I even used to teach Miss McNeillie!!!)

Over this time, I have gotten to know a lot of the children and families very well and I have built some lovely rapport.

On the first day back in August, I felt excited to meet my new class and find out how everyone had coped during lockdown.

While I was working from home, I got to spend lots of quality time with my 2 children, my husband and my boxer dog. I also got to do a lot of walking during this time and take photos of nature, which is another of my hobbies.

I have recently taken up cycling and last weekend I managed to achieve my furthest distance yet of 54km! I also enjoy swimming and aqua aerobics and can't wait to start them again in the near future.



### **Introducing Miss Duff**

Hello. Miss Duff here!

My hobbies include reading and going to Zumba classes. I love to travel and look forward to being able to have more adventures when things get better again.

I have a dog named Kaiser who loves to go for long walks.

I have had lots of jobs before becoming a primary teacher, the very first job I had was working at a pet shop!



## **Welcome to our Learning Environment**



## **The Fantastic 5's Classroom**



## Welcome back Primary 5

Have a look below to see what we will be learning in term one.

### LITERACY

This term, in writing Primary 5 will be using their imaginations to create exciting stories. We will be getting back to basics, by focusing on punctuating their work correctly and refreshing their skills in adding descriptive language to their texts.

Listening and attention skills will be developed to help with focus.

### NUMERACY

The primary 5 pupils will be concentrating on Place Value and will complete Measurement in the outdoor learning setting. Pupils will also be familiarising themselves with the processes of addition and subtraction and will build their confidence in working independently.

Throughout the term, we will also be looking at strategies and the ways we can solve the same equation using different approaches.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This term P5 will be encouraged to explore their thoughts and feelings to improve their emotional literacy. We will give attention to settling the children into new routines and discuss staying safe and healthy in relation to the current pandemic. Children will also learn about Mindfulness and a Growth Mindset.

**Physical Education** will be on **Tuesdays and Fridays**, so make sure you bring your kit!

### R.M.E.

RME will build on our HWB by looking at 'Caring and Happiness' and exploring the themes of bullying, name calling and relating to bully's inner-self.

### TECHNOLOGY

P5 will be looking will be developing their skills in using Word documents and they will be aiming to publish some of their writing. The children will familiarise themselves with logging on to a variety of applications.

### TOPIC

This term Primary 5 will use the novel 'Ratburger' by David Walliams as the focus for a class topic. Literacy and Expressive Arts themes will be used to explore this text.

P5 will also continue to expand their STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths – knowledge in the classroom with Miss Duff. This will include practical activities where pupils can challenge and test their understanding of the world.

### EXPRESSIVE ARTS

During this term Primary 5 will be expanding their artistic media as they look at line drawing skills.

Many art and design activities will also relate to our Novel Study: Ratburger.

Through HWB and topic, the children will develop their drama skills in creating freeze frames.

**LANGUAGES:** The pupils will be looking at Harry Potter themed activities to introduce French vocabulary about Pets this term with Miss Duff. Please encourage children to apply these skills at home.

## 😊 HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME? 😊

P5's will benefit from lots of discussion at home – especially to support their mental wellbeing. Spending time with your child practicing their reading books on Bug Club and encouraging engagement with Sumdog will help them progress this term when these activities begin. Please contact Mrs. Slater via the office on 01294 552 418 if you or your child are unsure about what they can do.

