

Literacy

We hope your children are settling into their new classes. This term in Literacy we will be studying *The Hodgeheg* by Dick King-Smith. As we read the novel, we will look at different comprehension strategies to help us understand the text. These will include summarising, understanding vocabulary, finding information and identifying the main idea. In writing, we will be focussing on descriptive writing and ensuring pupils' writing includes simple, compound and complex sentences. Additionally, we're continuing to examine different spelling patterns each week and provide ample opportunities for practice.

Numeracy

We are learning about place value of 5-digit numbers. Place value refers to the value that each individual digit holds within a number, depending on its position. Understanding place value is fundamental because it helps children grasp how numbers are built and how they relate to one another in maths. We will then move on to our multiplication and division topic. We encourage you to support your child by practising multiplication tables regularly at home. Pupils enjoy using Topmarks – Hit the Button, a fun way to practise addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Health and Wellbeing

In PE, we will be developing our ball skills through a variety of invasion games on the astroturf. In December, we will move on to Scottish country dancing in the gym hall (partners at the ready!). In Health and Well-being, we will be discussing the benefits of positive relationships and how we can maintain them when challenges arise. We will explore what makes a good friend and learn to recognise the difference between online and offline friends. We have looked at UNCRC articles and the rights of the child and collaboratively created a Class Charter, which is displayed in class throughout the year.



Miss Russell and Mr Main September–December 2026 Parent/Carer Information



Topic

Our new topic for this term is **Antarctica**. We will be exploring this fascinating continent, learning about its icy landscapes, incredible wildlife, famous explorers, extreme weather and scientific research.

We encourage parents to support this learning journey by:

Reading Together: Explore books about Antarctica and discuss what your child is learning in class.

Explore and Discover: Look at photographs, watch age-appropriate videos, or enjoy an Antarctic-themed activity together to discover more about its unique wildlife and environment.

Key Information

Please ensure all jumpers/cardigans/jackets/ packed lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

P.E. days:

P6/5R - Wednesday (gym hall) & Friday (astroturf).

P5M – Tuesday (astroturf) & Thursday (gym hall)

On these days, please wear school regulation PE clothes - school sweatshirt, polo shirt and dark jogging, tracksuit trousers or shorts. Long hair should be tied back, and no jewellery should be worn. Children will be asked to remove this for their own safety. Thanks for your help with this.