

**Health & Wellbeing**

Our P.E. days this term are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Pupils must bring a change of clothing (shorts/T-shirt/sandshoes) on these days and not wear jewellery. Throughout Term 1 we will develop our Basketball skills. Mrs. Lockwood will be will providing targeted lessons each week teaching us exactly how to improve our health and fitness. We will also focus on developing pupil’s emotional wellbeing by exploring Growth Mindset, Values and Emotions. We have already used the book “In My Heart” by Jo Witek to visualise different emotions and explore strategies to regulate our feelings.

**I.D.L** (Inter Disciplinary Learning)This term we are looking forward to diving into our I.D.L topic ‘Oceans’. We plan to investigate food chains, vibrations and waves, mapping and much more. We cannot wait to share all our exciting new learning with you. This topic will link across all curricular areas allowing us to develop our learning in a fun and engaging way. Later in the term, we will have a ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ I.D.L topic. This is a fantastic topic that will allow us to explore our responsibilities to protect and care for our planet. We will explore the Global Goals and actively investigate ways to care for our planet. We have further been given the opportunity this term to participate in some Technology Workshops. These workshops will allow us to develop valuable skills, useful in the modern world. At the start of this term P4/5 pupils were asked to create portraits of each staff member within the school. This was a great way to develop our line drawing skills and our results are proudly displayed at the main office. We will continue to develop our artistic skills throughout the term. As always, the suggestions and interests of pupils throughout the term will direct teaching and learning.

We will also be taking part in weekly “Free Writing” sessions where pupils will be encouraged to express their own personal styles of writing.

Talking and Listening – We plan to explore listening and talking across all curricular areas. Daily check-in sessions will allow pupils to develop both talking and listening skills whilst encouraging them to consider the views of others. All pupils are actively encouraged to participate in class discussions and discuss and debate their learning.

Spelling/Phonics – We will continue to develop our skills through a variety of active and paper based activities. Targeted, daily spelling blocks aim to boost pupil attainment and provide a broad range of strategies pupils can access to improve their spelling. We use a wide variety of engaging and supportive resources to ensure progression at the right level for each child. Each Friday pupils will participate in a spelling test to track progress.

**Literacy & English**

Reading – Pupils will participate in weekly guided reading sessions in small groups to encourage discussion and targeted development. Our goal this term is to focus on SHORS strategies such as visualising and summarising. We will also explore the key themes and ideas within different texts. Daily free reading sessions will encourage pupils to develop and refine their individual reading preferences and explore a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Writing – This term we are extremely lucky to have Miss Lee and Miss Baillie to help us develop our writing skills. We will focus on ‘Descriptive’ and then ‘Narrative’ writing explore the structure and key features of these genres.

**Maths & Numeracy**

This term we are excited to further develop our number skills. We will explore place value, rounding, sequences and estimation using numbers up to 1,000/10,000/1 million. We are also looking forward to learning more about shape and time. In particular, we will focus on different written and mental strategies we can apply to successfully add and subtract. Pupils will continue to learn through a variety of active and written activities to provide a broad range of learning opportunities tailored to meet the needs of each individual. Concrete materials, active games, textbooks and digital resources will create a fun learning experience for all. Pupils will be encouraged to take ownership of their learning and challenge themselves. Each Wednesday Mrs. McCulloch will work with targeted boost and support groups to enhance learning.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please get in touch by calling the school office. We will be more than happy to discuss things as, like you, we want the very best for your child.

Thank you, Miss Gaw

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