

Parents/Carers,



We are really excited to be the class teachers for Primary 5 this year and we are very much looking forward to the year ahead with your children. It has been great to see such enthusiasm on their faces and the children have enjoyed catching up with friends again. As you are aware, this school year will be a little bit different from other years. We have new procedures and routines in place, in particular with social distancing and hand washing, but we are pleased to say that the children have adapted with ease.



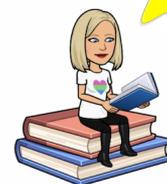
Miss Carson and Mrs Conway

Homework

At present, the children will not be given specific homework to complete and return, like in previous years. This is the same across the whole school due to potential cross contamination of any viruses.

LITERACY

- Children will be given time to read books in class. These books will be at their level. Children will then complete reading activities, in the form of **Literacy Circles**, where they will analyse the text with their reading group. We would still encourage the children to read with you at home as often as possible. The children can mimic the roles of **Summariser, Question Writer, Word Wizard** and **Predictor**, as practised in class.



- New spelling strategies will be introduced to help with the spellings of unfamiliar or tricky words.
- The children will also be encouraged to use all aspects of V.C.O.P to enhance their writing.
- There will be a focus on using cursive handwriting in all written work.

NUMERACY



Again, it is hoped that in the future, the children will be given specific numeracy tasks to complete at home. Currently, children are asked to practise their times table on a weekly basis at home. The children will know which times tables to work on. This term, in class, we are focusing on understanding place value, rounding and estimating, mental agility, length, area and probability.

P.E: Our gym day is a **Tuesday**. However, at this moment in time, access to the gym hall is limited. Therefore, the children will be encouraged to be active in class or in the playground, weather permitting. No gym kit is required at present.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

As a result of the global pandemic, health and wellbeing will be an enhanced area of our curriculum. We will focus on the impact that lockdown has had on the children, prioritising their mental state and ensuring they feel happy, healthy and safe within the school environment.

Cross Curricular:



Topic: The Vikings

Health: Keeping safe and who supports me.

R.M.E: Martin Luther King



Science: Water and Air

EXTRA INFORMATION:

As the children are now in Primary 5, they will no longer be dismissed by their class teacher. Please make home time arrangements, outside the school gates, with your child. Thank you for your support in encouraging the children to be more independent.

When it is safe for children to bring their bags to school, information will be communicated through the school office. As will any future changes.