

# Primary 5 Class Newsletter

Term 2 - January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are now almost halfway through Primary 5! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you good health and happiness for 2026.

This is another busy term ahead which takes us to the end of March, and this newsletter will give you an insight into some of what will be going on within your child's class:



## Homework

Homework continues to be given through the Primary 5 Class Team and is in line with the St. Michael's Homework Policy. It continues to be uploaded on the Friday before the new week for parents who have requested access over the weekend. For most parents, homework can begin on the new week when the phonemes and spelling have been taught in class.

Although all homework jotters should be returned by each Friday, any homework that is completed early can be handed in to be corrected. Please ensure your child has their jotter back in school by each Friday for their weekly test. There have been many children forgetting their jotters which means they are having to carry out their Spelling Test on a piece of paper; this means there is no proper recorded evidence of their weekly progress for you to monitor.

If anyone requires support with the homework or accessing Teams, please let us know.

Should you require a reminder of your child's Glow login details, please check the label inside of their homework jotter.

## Literacy

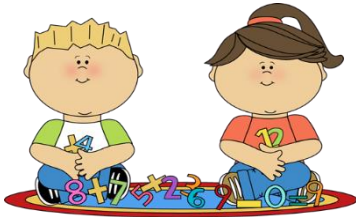
The children will continue to work on the 'North Lanarkshire Active Literacy Programme', and you will be able to keep up to date with the spelling and vocabulary they are learning through their homework each week.



This term's reading focuses on 'Non-fiction Text' where the children will be developing their research skills; selecting main facts; reporting back their findings; taking notes and writing them in their own words; and demonstrating their understanding of what they are reading through comprehension tasks. **They will once again be asked to complete a reading log at home** to share what they have been reading outside school and for enjoyment. This will help them to continue to develop their skills and promote a love and enthusiasm for reading.

Before Christmas, the children carried out a block based on 'Media' where they took a Christmas advert and looked at the strategies film makers use when creating their work. This was a learning experience that the children demonstrated great enthusiasm in, and they were able to achieve a better understanding of the skills used within media.

This month, the children will have the opportunity to work on Poetry and Scottish Language.



## Maths

We have been working on the main Number Processes this past term, focusing on the strategies that we use to calculate a sum (process of thought). They are gaining a huge amount of confidence in this area and are more able to transfer these skills into their daily work. Well done Primary 5!

The children have also been working on their Times Tables and this is an area that will continue to be focused on throughout the year. Please support your child with learning them as they will need them for many of the concepts that will be taught over their whole school journey.

This term we will be working on the following concepts: 'Multiplication', 'Division', 'Money', 'Time' and 'Fractions, Decimals and Percentages'.

We will be developing their mental agility and strategies through Big Maths and Number Talks.

## P.E.

Our P.E. sessions continue to take place on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

**The children should continue to be encouraged to take responsibility for packing their school bags the night before, ensuring that they always remember their kit: green school gym top, green shorts and appropriate shoes. Mrs Greechan has asked that the children bring a bag in on the Monday and keep it on their peg for the rest of week, taking it back home on the Friday to be washed.**



**Please could you ensure that all items of clothing have the children's names on them as we are then able to quickly identify who they belong to when things get lost?** There is a lost property shelf within the classroom. If anything gets lost you can either pop a note on Teams, write a note or catch either of us at the gate at 3pm to let us know and we will try our best to help find it.

It would also be beneficial to ensure that no jewellery is worn on gym days for Health and Safety reasons. If earrings cannot be taken out, please ensure that your child has plasters to cover these.

## Topic

This term we will be focusing on 'People and the Past'. Our class topic will study 'The Jacobites', looking at the impact they had on Scotland and how they changed the face of Scotland. We know this is a topic that is well-liked and Primary 5 are excited to get started. If anyone has any special knowledge of the subject, we would love to hear from you!

## Allergies

Please remember that we are a **nut free school**. We have children in our senior corridor/playground and throughout the school with nut allergies (as well as staff members), therefore snacks or lunches containing nuts are not permitted within the school. Many thanks for your co-operation with this and in helping keep these children safe.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any worries, concerns, or questions at any point.  
As always, thank you for all the kindness and support you show us both, it is very much appreciated.

With kind regards,

Joanne McLennan and Karen McNab