

Primary 5 Term 3 Newsletter

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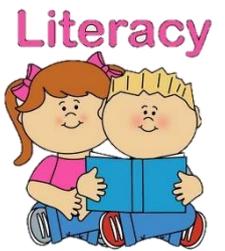
Dear Parents,

We are sure you will agree that it is quite unbelievable that we are already in March and the children only have one more term left in Primary 5 ... another quick year! They know of the importance to committing themselves to working hard so that they are more than ready for Primary 6 in August. This final term is always the busiest for them but it also holds many fun opportunities too.

The class newsletter will give you an insight into what is happening in your child's final term.

Literacy

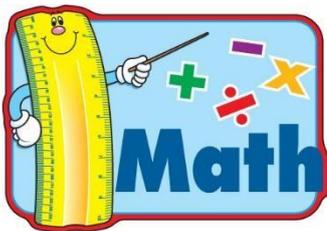
Reading - The children will focus once again on fiction books and will have the opportunity to further develop their skills in using the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy Comprehension Strategies, looking more closely at an author's skill and technique. They will bring a reading book home with homework to reinforce their skills and your support with this is appreciated. Can you please encourage them to bring it to school each day as they will need it for their class activities.



Writing - The children will focus on the genres of Persuasive and Explanations.

They will also be encouraged to continue to 'up-level' their daily writing through use of punctuation, conjunctions, adjectives and adverbs. Focus will also be given to the use of paragraphs both in the text they read in and within their own writing.

Talking and Listening - Talking and Listening will be carried out using 'Making Thinking Visible' (MTV) activities which the children absolutely excel at. You would be extremely impressed with the mature and meaningful discussions that can happen in Primary 5!



Maths

The main concepts the children will focus on this term are: Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; Money; Data and Analysis; Chance and Uncertainty; Angles and Expressions; Equations

Daily Mental Maths will operate within the class through:

Big Maths - focusing on recall of number concepts taught throughout the year and on strategies used to calculate an answer to a given question.

Times Tables - The repetition of these concepts continues to prove to be hugely successful. The children are able to retain the main number processes, and are able to transfer the skills into their daily work. Thank you for your support with this.

Number Talks - daily class discussion of number and the different strategies and calculations used to find an answer.

Social Studies - People in Society

Our topic for this final term is 'Scottish Parliament/Scottish Elections'. This is Modern Studies based and will allow the children to learn about important events happening in their world today and the impact they have on the people of Scotland. If anyone has any links or who specialises in this subject, we would love to hear from you! The children always enjoy a visitor to the classroom.

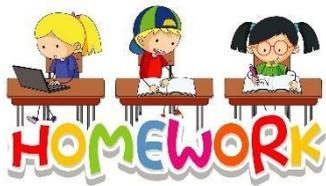


P.E. - Tuesday and Thursday

The children should now be taking responsibility for packing their kit in their bag on a Sunday night ready to be hung in the cloakroom for the week ahead. Please can you ensure your child has trainers/soft shoes for P.E. as some are doing the lessons in boots, shoes, Uggs or Crocs. We have begun with our Fitness block and already the children are displaying great enthusiasm and commitment to improving their stamina and fitness levels. You can imagine that this can make them quite sweaty, so those that are not bringing in their kit are having to wear their uniforms for this and it is not ideal. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

Outdoor Learning

Now that the better weather will soon hopefully be upon us, we will take the opportunity to be learning outdoors more. As we will be venturing down to our school forest, the children can leave a bag in the cloakroom with an old pair of joggies, spare socks and wellies if they have them. A waterproof jacket is always good to have too. Notice will be given soon on the class Team for which day this will take place and the children will be informed.



Homework

Homework is carried out following the St. Michael's policy. As always, details will be uploaded to our class Team along with support guides (all which can be found in the homework folder under 'Shared'). Mrs McLennan will set the homework and upload it, and Mrs McNab will correct it on a Friday when it is brought to school. Homework should fit around family life and what best suits you. We can also easily adapt it to fit your child's specific needs, so please let us know if you would like us to do this for you.

As always, if you have a concern, worry, or just want to ask a question, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We count ourselves incredibly lucky and feel extremely privileged to teach this class; they are a fantastic bunch of children!

We would both like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support and kindness so far throughout the year and look forward to this final term with your wonderful children.

Kind regards,

Joanne McLennan and Karen McNab