

Primary 5 Newsletter - Term One

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Dear Parents/Guardians

You'll all be delighted to hear that the children have settled well into their new classroom, are already working hard, and are showing great enthusiasm for Primary 5. I am looking forward to teaching the children throughout this year and making sure it is both enjoyable and successful for them all.



Homework

Details of homework will continue to be carried out digitally using the children's class Team. You will now be more familiar with logging into Teams. An email will have been sent to you by the school, reminding you of how to log in to Teams, including the class Team code.

You will be able to continue to find details of the children's homework each week under 'Files' in the class Team. We will also go over it on a Monday to ensure that the children are clear in what is being asked of them for their tasks.

The homework itself will mainly focus on: Spelling, Reading and Maths (Sumdog and Times Tables), which is in line with St. Michael's Homework Policy (previously emailed to parents).



Homework will be posted each Friday. As always, you should choose when it best suits your family's needs to decide when it is to be carried out. In most of what is set, the children should be able to complete it independently; however, your continued support with hearing them read is very much appreciated and is incredibly beneficial to their progress.



Literacy

In Primary 5, the children will continue to develop their skills using North Lanarkshire's Active Literacy Programme. The strategies they were introduced to in Primary 4 are continued until the end of Primary 7 and have proved to be extremely effective in children's learning of spelling and reading at school and beyond.

P.E.

Our P.E. sessions will take place on a Monday and Thursday.

The children should now be encouraged to take more 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. We would encourage the children to bring a bag in at the start of the week with their P.E kit in it, keeping it on their peg for the week, and this will be sent home at the end of the week to be washed.



It would 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, our whole school will be exploring the theme 'People and Place'. In Primary 5, our topic will focus on the question '**What is it like to live on different continents?**'

Throughout our topic, the children will explore the continents of the world and discover what makes each one unique. We will investigate the countries within each continent, different landscapes and terrains, climates, seasons, time zones and what life is like for people living in different parts of the world. We will also explore similarities and differences between our lives and the lives of people in other countries and cultures.



If you have any resources, photographs, souvenirs, maps or objects from different continents that you would be willing to share with us, we would be delighted to use them in our learning and would take great care of them.

If you have travelled to or lived in another country or have any knowledge or experiences related to our topic, we would love to hear from you! We would be delighted to welcome you into our classroom to share your experiences with the children. Our pupils absolutely love meeting new people and hearing about real-life experiences from around the world.



Names and Lost Property

We know that the children are getting older and are becoming more responsible for their own belongings; however, it is still important that their name is on all items of their school uniform and P.E. kit as it would help us to return any items that may be left in the classroom. A lost property box will be kept in the classroom and any items left in class or in the cloakroom will be put in it if it doesn't have a name on it. If their

name is on the item, we will return it to them as soon as possible. If your child has lost an item of their clothing, please ask them to have a look in the box.

Allergies

Please remember that we are a **nut free school**. We have children within the school with severe nut allergies, so snacks or lunches containing nuts are not permitted with the school. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



Finally, if you ever have any worries, concerns or questions about your child and school, please do not hesitate to get in touch. This can be done through a phone call or email to the school. I look forward to work in partnership with you and your child, and we are sure we will have a successful year working together.

Hannah Walker