

A note from the class teacher...

Welcome to Primary 5/6. I hope you had a great summer!

We have had a very positive start to the year getting to know each other over the last couple of weeks. The children are settling well into class and are comfortable with the routines and expectations.

High expectations have been set for behaviour and effort towards the quality of their work.

For regular weekly updates, please see the P5/6 Book Creator book to find out what your child has been working on during the week.

We have another very busy term ahead and I look forward to working with you and your child this year to support their learning.

Best Wishes,
Mr Tollan

Language & Literacy

We have now started our whole class book study reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. This text will serve as the core for our reading, writing, listening, and talking activities.

Throughout the study, pupils will engage in comprehension tasks designed to build critical thinking and analytical skills—focusing specifically on inference, prediction, summarizing, and expanding their general vocabulary

After the modelling block, the children will be split into their reading groups to develop their reading skills at their level.

Alongside our novel study, pupils will continue to follow a daily spelling program, with formal assessments taking place on a weekly basis.

Numeracy & Mathematics

This term, our Primary 5/6 pupils will be stepping into the fascinating world of Chance and Uncertainty. Through hands-on experiments—including coin flips, dice rolls, and marble draws—pupils will move beyond simple guessing to gather data and analyse actual outcomes. We will be expanding our mathematical vocabulary, learning to rank events using precise terms such as impossible, unlikely, even chance, likely, and certain. Pupils will connect these terms directly to mathematical values, placing events on a 0% to 100% chance line and calculating exact probabilities using simple fractions and percentages. As the term progresses, our focus will shift to Place Value, Estimating and Rounding where pupils will deepen their understanding of digits and their positional values. We will then apply this foundation across the four core operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Pupils will explore a range of both mental and written strategies to solve problems efficiently. To support your child's progress in class, regular practice of times tables at home would be greatly beneficial.

Homework  Homework is not only important for consolidating learning that has taken place in class; it is also a great way for parents to become involved in their child's learning. Homework will be issued for numeracy and literacy to support children's learning in class at times that are appropriate and when consolidation is required. I would encourage children to select a book of their choice and spend time reading this at home regularly with an adult. This reading practice will be beneficial in improving reading fluency and expression as well as spelling.	Interdisciplinary Learning  <u>Topic</u> Our first topic takes an inquiry-based learning approach. The class received a mysterious letter from Cassia 9, a time traveller from the year 2070, asking P5/6 to investigate their local area and answer the big question: "What would a perfect future for our school and community look like?" To answer this, pupils have identified several key areas for research, including cleaner transport options, upgraded play parks, modern school facilities, disability-friendly infrastructure, and the health impacts of smoking and vaping within our community. <u>Expressive Arts</u> In music, Primary 5 will enjoy specialist instruction from a visiting music teacher during Terms 1 and 2, while Primary 6 will continue to build on their musical knowledge through classroom-based lessons.	Science & Technologies  Mrs Elwood will be working with Primary 5/6 this term and will be teaching Science. Within Science, the children will be learning about vibrations and waves. They will explore the nature of sound, light and radiations. They will learn how sound vibrations are carried by waves and will explore reflections.	Health & Wellbeing  We will have two sessions per week of P.E. One will be Wednesday mornings with Mrs Elwood. During this time the children will focus on improving fitness, coordination and movement through games. In physical education, the class are participating in a 5-week rugby block delivered by specialist coaches from Biggar RFC. We hope these sessions inspire the children to stay active and perhaps explore a new sport. Please ensure your child brings a change of clothes with them which are labelled.
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