

Termly Newsletter Primary 5 Room 9 – Mrs Jones

Literacy

Reading

We will be exploring the themes of companionship, inclusion and responsibility through reading the novel 'The Secret Garden' as a whole class. Groups will continue to focus on understanding texts, responding to literal, inferential and evaluative questions and using evidence from the text when necessary. We will also develop our talking and listening skills through discussions on structure, characterisation and setting.

Writing

As part of our involvement in the CYPIC project we will continue to write daily using a range of genres; recount, narrative, persuasive and instructional. Our focus this term will be on uplevelling vocabulary and accurate use of punctuation.

Grammar

We will be consolidation our use of more varied punctuation including commas, dashes and brackets in our everyday writing. We will also be developing our use modal verbs and of fronted adverbials.

Spelling

This term we will continue to use the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy approach. The children will have spelling words weekly, learning new phonemes or rules. This will be supported by our homework tasks.

Numeracy

We will revise our times tables and mental arithmetic while continuing to develop knowledge of the four functions - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Circles

- number processes, introducing tenths as a decimal and fraction
- adding 10, 100 and 1000 and decimal fractions to one decimal place withing 4 digits
- subtraction, whole numbers and decimal fractions to one decimal place within 4 digits
- symmetry in 2D shapes
- weight, reading scales and converting mg, g and kg
- data handling, using bar graphs, charts, tables

Squares

- formal addition and subtraction methods
- weight, reading scales and working with grams and kilograms
- multiplying (commutative law) and dividing
- data handling, using bar graphs, charts, tables

Health and Wellbeing - Our focus for term 2 will be exploring topics and activities relating to Metacognition, we will be focussing on identifying our skills/abilities and recognising areas which need development to enable us to set meaningful targets within our learning.

PE – P.E days will be on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please remind your child to bring their PE kit - they should wear shorts underneath their uniform if possible. On Mondays, PE will be taught by Mr Kennedy. On Thursdays, with Miss Byworth, we will be developing our hockey skills. We will continue to participate in games linking to our focus on fairness (turn-taking), kindness (supporting others) and responsibility (team player/leadership).

Social Studies – We will be exploring **China** as we approach Christmas, comparing their culture, festivals and beliefs to that of our own. We will be developing our culinary skills each Friday while creating and tasting some Chinese inspired dishes.

Science – As part of our China topic, we will look at resources used in ancient China and how technology and materials have developed throughout the ages

RME – We will continue to exploring a range of Bible stories and discover the many religions practised in Asia.

ICT – Using online storage space (Google Classroom) to collaborate, access learning and complete tasks across the curriculum including numeracy, literacy and social studies.

MUSIC - FUNDamentals of music, an external organisation, will be conducting our music lessons.

Expressive Arts – Inspired by our reading book 'The Secret Garden' and the forthcoming Hallowe'en festivities, Room 9 will be creating an outdoor pumpkin patch as part of their ongoing work towards The John Muir Award.



Leadership
Equity
Achieving
Resilience
Nurture

We aim to develop a safe, caring and supportive learning environment where all achievement is celebrated.

We aim to equip all our learners with skills that will help them to reach their full potential.

We aim to work together and encourage each other as one school community.

Important Information

PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday**.

Please continue to **sign** your child's Ready Steady Learn over the weekend and return on a **Monday**.

Our Learning Showcase will be on Wednesday 30th April at 9.30am. We look forward to welcoming our parents and carers as we share what we have been learning throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jones



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