

# Primary 5/4 Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2015

Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 5/4. All of the children have settled well into P5/4 and we are looking forward to a busy and fun term 2. The highlights of last term included our Rainforest context, a trip to Edinburgh Zoo and sharing our learning with parents through our Rainforest open afternoon. All pupils have also now joined a Junior Leadership Team and look forward to making positive changes within our school this year.

Mr Renshaw  
P5/4 Teacher

## English & Literacy

This term, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), handwriting and spelling. The children will be continuing to use up-levelling techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment.

Through the IDL context of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, our writing will focus on a variety of genres including description of a character, newspaper reports, writing questionnaires and looking at different forms of advertisements.

Our reading in term 2 will continue to focus on Higher Order Thinking Skills, identifying the key features of different genres and making connections to other areas of the curriculum



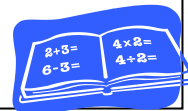
## Maths & Numeracy

This term, Mr. Renshaw's and Mrs. Mackie's Maths work will focus on multiplication and division and learning our times tables for quick recall, as well as rounding numbers and developing mental agility. Mr Ramsay and Miss Kellner's maths class will be looking at quick recall of their number facts within 20 and beyond with a particular focus on the inverse relationship between the two e.g.  $8+2=10$  and  $10-8=2$ .

In our class maths this term the focus will be on measure, looking specifically at length, weight and capacity.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular times tables revision and links to maths in real life contexts. Sumdog (for P5 children) is also a fantastic resource to develop children's mental agility and quick recall of maths facts.

Purple Mash also has a wide variety of maths games, including Table Toons which is a fun way to learn your times tables. Each child has their Purple Mash password in their homework books. **Come along to our pop in session on 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2.40pm and the children will teach you more about Sumdog, Purple Mash and other useful online resources.**



## Interdisciplinary Learning: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

This term our context for learning is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of literacy, technologies and health and wellbeing. The key questions we will look at are:

1. Who is Roald Dahl and what is special about his style of writing?
2. How does the media influence us?
3. How has the role of the media changed over time?
4. What process do companies carry out when designing and creating a new confectionary product?

## Additional Information

P.E. will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days. This includes clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers).

## Roald Dahl Personal Project

Primary 5/4 have been given a research project to complete at home this term. This will develop their knowledge and understanding of the life and works of Roald Dahl. The children created their own 5 personal questions that they wanted to find out about Mr Dahl and are to present their completed projects on 2.12.15.

## Homework

Spelling, Maths and Reading homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. There will be an information session about how to support your child with homework on 24.11.15 at 2.30pm.