

Primary 5 Learning Letter: Term 4



Dear Parent/Carer,

April 2016

Welcome to Term 4 in Primary 5. We are looking forward to a busy and fun final term. The highlights of last term included hearing from specialist speakers linked to our Grand Designs topic, attending the Handball Sports Festival, our Samba workshops and trip to Howden Park, and taking part in futsal sessions. This term we have started our new IDL context for learning, Project Planetarium and are looking forward to our session with Cosmos Planetarium.

Miss Sherlow
P5 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-levering techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment.

Our writing will link to our IDL context of Space and will allow to children to explore genres such as biographies, fact files, diaries and science fiction story writing. Our reading in term 4 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. Reading homework will be Wednesdays and will be due in on the following Wednesday. Please be aware that some of the reading homework this term will be set using Purple Mash. Every child has been given a login and username which can be found in their homework jotter.

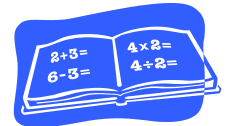


Maths & Numeracy

This term, our numeracy sessions will focus on multiplication and division and fractions, chance and uncertainty and probability. To support this at home, regular revision of the times tables and related division facts would be beneficial.

In mental agility, the children will be continuing to develop their mathematical strategies through Number Talks. This approach encourages the children to find the most efficient way to reach an answer to a given problem.

Through our IDL context, we will explore scale and data handling. This links to our whole school Science, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focus.



Interdisciplinary Learning

This term our context for learning is Project Planetarium. This will have a Science, Technologies and Maths focus.

The key questions to be explored are:

1. How do the sun and moon affect the length of the day, month, year and seasons?
2. What does the solar system look like?
3. What are the features of the different planets?
4. How and why do people become astronauts?
5. How have spacecrafts changed over time and what are their features?

Additional Information

P.E. will be with Mrs Mitchell on Wednesdays and in class on 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 in inclement weather (i.e. jogging bottoms, waterproofs and trainers).

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Primary 5 will be taking part in the trial of Bring Your Own Device this term. BYOD will develop our knowledge of how to use devices appropriately and responsibly, help us to develop home school links and will allow us to personalise our learning. In order to keep our pupils, staff and devices as safe as possible, all children participating must return the signed Responsible Use Contract, along with the parental permission form. Please check the school blog for updates of our progress.

Homework

Spelling and maths homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday.

Reading will be handed out on Wednesdays and is due the following Wednesday. This term we encourage you to log on to www.sumdog.co.uk to practise mental maths and reading skills. Each child has a login and has been set maths and reading skill challenges.