

Primary 5 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2016

Welcome to Term 1 in Primary 5. All of the children have settled well into P5 and we are looking forward to a busy and fun term. So far, the children have participated in a community building fortnight where we have been getting to know each other, creating our class charter and becoming familiar with our new class routines. We also had a mini focus on our school value of being inclusive. We have begun our new IDL context for learning, The Romans, and the children have created a set of questions that they would like to find the answers to and we will be exploring these through the topic.

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P5 teachers.

English & Literacy

Through the IDL context of The Romans, our writing will focus on a variety of genres including description of a scene, diary entries, newspaper reports and persuasive letters.

This term, we will be developing our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), as well as building on our handwriting and spelling abilities. The children will use up-levering techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment.

Our reading in term 1 will focus on Higher Order Thinking Skills, identifying the key features of different genres, reading for information and notetaking. Reading homework will be noted in the children's reading record and will be due in on Tuesdays.

Maths & Numeracy

This term, our maths work will focus on place value, estimating and rounding and addition.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular number bonds practise, as well as times tables revision and links to maths in real life contexts. Sumdog 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.

Through our IDL context, we will also explore Roman numerals, as well as Roman coins during our Money Week focus.

Interdisciplinary Learning: The Romans

This term our context for learning is The Romans. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of social studies, expressive arts and literacy. The key questions we will look at are:

1. Where is Rome and how did it get its name?
2. Who were the Romans and what was their life like?
3. Who were the Roman army and where did they conquer?
4. How did the Romans affect our lives today?

Additional Information

P.E. for P5B will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and for P5A will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into school on P.E. days. This includes clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers).

Dalguise

There will be a parent information evening for parents of pupils going to Dalguise on Thursday 15th September.

Homework

Spelling and maths homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. Reading will be given on Tuesdays will be due the following Tuesday. 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.