

# Primary 5 Learning Letter: Term 3



Dear Parent/Carer,

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Welcome to Term 3 in Primary 5. The pupils are looking forward to another busy term. They have enjoyed starting our new IDL topic, Extraordinary Humans, and they are very excited about a project we are involved in called 'Fish in the Classroom'. See below for more details!

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## English & Literacy

Through the IDL context of 'Extraordinary Humans', our writing will focus on a variety of genres including job adverts, interview questions and personal responses.

This term, we will continue to develop our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), as well as building on our handwriting and spelling skills. The children will use up-levering techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process will also involve self and peer assessment and class target setting.

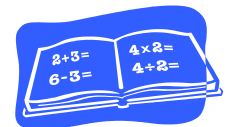
Our reading in term 3 will focus on important 'tools for reading' such as knowledge of punctuation, grammar and new vocabulary.



## Maths & Numeracy

This term we will explore problem solving strategies and multiplication and division. In mental maths, 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.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular number facts revision such as times tables and associated division facts 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.



## Interdisciplinary Learning: Extraordinary Humans

This term our context for learning is Extraordinary Humans. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of Health and Wellbeing, Listening and Talking and Social Studies. The key questions we will explore are:

1. What are the different ways in which people can face obstacles in their lives?
2. How have they overcome these obstacles to become successful?
3. What obstacles have I overcome to become successful?
4. How can I share the experiences of someone I know or someone famous who has overcome obstacles in a clear and interesting way?
5. What does it mean to be an extraordinary human?

## P.E.

P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Friday mornings (both indoor). One of these sessions will be run by an experienced Futsal coach. 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).

## Fish in the Classroom

Primary 5 are incredibly fortunate to be chosen to take part in a project run by Forth Rivers Trust. We will be looking after 200 brown trout eggs, seeing them hatch and released into a local river!

## Homework

Spelling and Maths homework will alternate each week and be given out on a Tuesday to be completed for the following Monday. Reading homework will be given every week. Additionally, this term, pupils will be preparing a presentation about an 'Extraordinary Human' of their choice to share with the class.