

Toronto Primary
Curricular Information

**A Year in
P6/5**

With
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This booklet is designed to provide information about the curriculum your child will experience this year in Primary 6/5 as well as providing information about classroom routines and expectations.

Curriculum for Excellence establishes clear values, purposes and principles for education from 3-18 in Scotland. It sets out to enable children and young people to develop their capacities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

The key methods by which we will develop these capacities are through:

- ❖ active learning
- ❖ interdisciplinary learning
- ❖ outdoor learning
- ❖ co-operative learning

We will be using a range of Assessment is for Learning techniques including:

- ❖ sharing learning intentions and success criteria
- ❖ high quality interactions and feedback
- ❖ learner involvement in reflection, setting learning goals and next steps
- ❖ self and peer assessment

The curriculum is divided as following:

Curriculum Level	Stage
Early	Pre-school and P1 or later for some
First	To end of P4 but earlier or later for some
Second	To end of P7 but earlier or later for some
Third and Fourth	S1-S3 but earlier for some The fourth level broadly equates to SCQF Level 4
Senior Phase	S4-6 and college or other means of study

Welcome to Primary 6/5

Primary 6/5 pupils have settled back into school life and we are looking forward to the coming year. We are hoping for a challenging, creative, fun and successful year and would like to inform you of our plans and expectations for the children.

English and Literacy

Throughout the year, Primary 6/5 will be developing their literacy and reading skills through our 'Guided Reading' approach. Guided reading is an experience that encompasses all aspects of English and Literacy: questioning, mind-mapping skills, comprehension, punctuation, dictionary/thesaurus skills, writing, spelling, as well as listening and discussion. During Guided Reading your child's core reader will **remain in school**. Your child will be encouraged to choose a book to bring home, developing opportunities for greater personalisation and choice. This is an opportunity for you and your child to share a range of literature.

Your child will experience a wide range of writing activities which at times will be linked to the class topic.

We will be using the Berol Cursive Hand Writing Scheme encouraging children to begin each letter on the 'line'. As your child becomes more fluent with this scheme all written tasks are expected to be completed in this form.

Listening and Talking skills are embedded throughout the curriculum and children will be given the opportunity to share their knowledge and understanding through group discussions and individual/ group presentations. Children will be expected to listen carefully to others and carryout instructions accordingly.

Spelling

The SWST programme is being used as a framework for spelling. Pupils will be taught new words on a Monday and will then engage in a number of learning activities throughout the week, including homework activities, to reinforce the new spelling pattern. An assessment will take place on Friday morning to monitor progress.

Numeracy & Mathematics

In Primary 6/5 Numeracy and Mathematics is delivered through a variety of learning experiences. We use a number of resources to meet the needs of our pupils, including Heinemann Active Mathematics which is a progressive programme with continual assessment opportunities built in. We employ an active approach to Mathematics and Numeracy and plan to use ICT along with a variety of activities to support your child's progress and learning in all areas of mathematics and numeracy. Learning experiences will cover: Number Processes, Time, Measure, Shape, Position & Movement, Information Handling, Problem Solving and Mental Arithmetic.

Health & Wellbeing

The children will have PE on a Monday with Mrs Weatherup. It is the children's responsibility to ensure that they are fully equipped for P.E. which requires gym kit and indoor shoes. PE will provide a variety of learning experiences to enable the children to further develop their skills in a variety of contexts such as handball, athletics, tennis and hockey. Children will also participate in a variety of class based health projects which include: Living and Growing and "Think U Know" Internet Safety.

As a class, Primary 6/5 created a Class Charter which acts as a framework for the way we approach the classroom. This is an important aspect of school and informs all areas of the curriculum.

Golden Time will take place on a Friday morning. This session the children will be given a variety of activities that they can sign up to for Golden Time within the P5-7 area. These will change termly over the course of the session and will include opportunities such as art, dance, sport, baking and construction.

We are currently reviewing our approaches and policy to promoting positive behaviour in order to further encourage positive behaviour.

Social Studies (Interdisciplinary Learning)

This session our class interdisciplinary topics with be: Rio - the Olympics/Paralympics, The Victorians, Electricity and Renewable energy and The River Almond. We look forward to sharing our learning to you on the 6th October at our class assembly.

Classroom Organisation/Routines

Please encourage your child to come to school prepared for the day with the following equipment:

- A pencil case with appropriate writing tools e.g. writing & colouring pencils, rubber & ruler.
- Gym shoes: Health and Safety means that rubber soles are essential. All children should have a pair of indoor shoes.
- Please ensure all items of clothing and personal belongings are labelled/ named.
- Water Bottle (Sport's cap) for hydration in the class - **water only** (not flavoured water or juice).
- P.E. Kit required on **Monday**.
- Please be aware that school lunches are now **£1.95**.

All members of Primary 6/5 are encouraged to contribute to the positive working environment of the class by taking on a range of class responsibilities and leadership opportunities throughout the year.

Communication

- Please contact the school office if your child is going to miss school for any reason.
- You will regularly receive a class newsletter to inform you of our learning and events in the school. Please read these and respond where appropriate. If you are unable to access class newsletters please ask for assistance at the office.
- Occasionally children will be expected to pass on information from school. This may be in the form of a verbal message or a letter.
- Parents' Evenings are scheduled for terms 1 and 3. However, if you have any concerns, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Homework

Throughout the year homework will be issued on a Monday to be returned by Thursday (unless otherwise stated) and will include some or all of the following:

- Spelling activities
- Reading for enjoyment
- Maths
- Interdisciplinary learning activities

Please check and sign completed homework tasks.

Residential Education

Primary 5 children will be offered the opportunity to experience a 2-night residential experience to The Lowport Centre, Linlithgow. While away, your child would take part in a range of outdoor activities and learn more about the historic town of Linlithgow. More information about this event will be issued later in the school year.

There will be a number of after-school and lunch-time clubs on offer to the pupils. Information about the clubs is usually issued by letter from the teacher who is running the club.

Thank you for your continued support.

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