

Primary 5 Newsletter

August - October 2020

We are delighted to welcome all the children back to Windyknowe! Below we have written a flavour of what is in store this term in Primary 5!



Numeracy and Maths

In Numeracy, we will be revising and refreshing the children's knowledge of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also be counting in multiples of 10, 100 and 1000 and beyond as well as practising number bonds to 1000. This will also include place value, number patterns and their relationship to each other.

In Maths, we will be investigating shape, position and movement, using orienteering skills outdoors to solve practical problems involving compass points and directions.

Interdisciplinary Learning

The term will begin with a short context for learning based around the film 'Inside Out'. Within this context the children will investigate managing a range of different feelings/ emotions and how to approach challenges and changes in their lives. They will use feelings within their imaginative story writing to write detailed experiences from a character's point of view. We have planned lots of activities looking at the human brain and areas each part of the brain controls.

The children will help to plan the title of our second context which will look at areas such as natural disasters and comparing lifestyles with that of other countries. We are excited to listen to their ideas and lead the direction of their learning.



Literacy

In Reading, we will be learning how to read the text around unfamiliar words to help us understand their meaning. We will use the following strategies to develop our reading skills:

- Skimming and scanning the text to find key vocabulary/information
- Retrieving information from a text in order to answer a question
- Exploring authors' word choice

We will also be encouraging children to read for enjoyment and share their likes, dislikes and recommendations.

In Writing, we will be looking at narratives and explanations and we will link these closely with our class topic.

In Grammar, we will revise some basics such as capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We will also be exploring adjectives, synonyms and antonyms.



Health & Wellbeing

We will be exploring our first Jigsaw piece 'Being me in my world' throughout term 1. This allows the children to discuss what it is like to be part of a class team, explore rules and responsibilities and gain further understanding of their rights.

We will also be focusing on SHANARRI (Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurturing, Active, Respected, Responsible, Included) and how this applies to our classroom and school context.

PE will have a focus on fitness, stamina and problem solving.

Additional Information

- P.E – Wednesday and Thursdays. Please come to school in P.E clothing (black leggings/joggers, school coloured plain t-shirt/polo, school jumper/hoody). As P.E will take place outdoors, the children should come prepared with suitable outdoor footwear and waterproof jackets.
- The children will be taking home litter from snacks inside their bag, please encourage your child to dispose/recycle the litter daily when they get home.
- Opportunities to read for enjoyment will be sought throughout the week. If your child has a book they would like to read and keep in their bag, please have them pop it in as soon as possible.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school blog, school office, email or your child's reading record and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes,
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