



Welcome to our P5 termly newsletter. We hope you find it informative. Our doors are always open if you would like to discuss anything about your child or their learning.

Literacy

In reading we are looking more deeply at texts, thinking about setting, characterisation, themes and plot. Reading aloud for fluency and expression continue to be important skills for children to practise regularly, both in school and at home. In imaginative writing we will use a range of texts. The children will learn these first orally, using story maps to help, before using the structure to create their own stories.

Numeracy

In numeracy we are building on our prior knowledge of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, the core numeracy operations. The children will work on mental strategies, using games and active learning opportunities, as well as working on formal written methods. In maths we will cover time and shape. Please encourage your child to tell the time as part of daily routines at home.

Learning on other areas of the curriculum

By investigating Fairtrade we are exploring why some societies are more able to meet the needs of their populations than others. We are encouraging children to look out for Fairtrade logos and bring in examples of empty packaging where possible. Mrs Callaghan, our music specialist, is working with P5s this term where the children are having fun using rhythm and rhyme.

Health & Wellbeing

The children will be working with Mrs McKendrick, our new PE specialist, on Wednesdays this term. We also have weekly class gym sessions where our focus is fitness and our "Daily 20" ensures we are active every day. In social health we are developing teamwork, co-operative learning and growth mindsets. Later on in the term Mrs McClelland will be working on a healthy eating topic.

Other Information

- Please ensure your child has indoor shoes which can be kept in school, spare socks and a full PE kit (shorts, an extra t-shirt, indoor trainers or gym shoes). All school clothes should be clearly named.
- Reading homework should be signed in reading records and homework jotters covered please.
- Please make sure your child brings their book bag (or a folder) to school every day with their reading book, reading record and a pencil. A bottle of plain water is also recommended.

Thank you for your continuing support.