



Aim high

Be proud

Celebrate success

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 shape. Children could practise using the maths language they have learned to describe shapes around the home.

Learning on other areas of the curriculum

By investigating mining we are learning why people and events from the past were important in shaping our local community. We will be learning about primary and secondary sources of information as we research this aspect of our heritage. We would love to hear from any relatives who could share mining experiences. In art this term we will focus on line and pattern. Mrs Watt, our art specialist, will be in class on Wednesdays improving our skills.

Health & Wellbeing

The children will be working with Mrs McKendrick, our PE specialist, on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term. In addition our "Daily 20" ensures we are active every day. In social health we are using Circle Time to allow the class to explore and address issues which concern them, providing a structured mechanism for solving problems. Our new Bounceback programme will teach skills that underpin wellbeing and resilience.

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 2 pencils. A bottle of plain water is also recommended.