

Mauricewood Primary School

Happy New Year from P5. We've made a great start to 2019 and look forward to the year ahead.



Aim high

Be proud

Celebrate success

Primary 5M Term 3 Newsletter

Literacy

Already this term we have worked on our oral skills, using Scots poems to build our confidence presenting in front of others. We were fair braw! We will further develop our ability to engage an audience with individual personal talks towards Easter. In writing we will be producing some more imaginative stories, then creating poems of our own. Punctuation continues to be a focus: please help by reinforcing this when checking homework. Alongside fluency and expression we will look at fact vs opinion in reading this term.

Numeracy

As well as the other basic number operations (+, - and place value), we will be having a real push on multiplication and division. Children should regularly be practising their tables at home as speed of recall helps with so many other aspects of number work. In maths we will explore measure and begin to look at using the language of probability to accurately describe the likelihood of simple events occurring - eg equal chance, 50:50, 1 in 2 chance.

Learning on other areas of the curriculum

By investigating Fairtrade we will explore 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. Our music specialist, Mrs Callaghan, will work with the class on Wednesday afternoons. P5 are also lucky to be able to take part in an exciting drumming project this term, ending with a showcase performance on 26 March.

Health & Wellbeing

In PE the children will work with Mrs McKendrick on Wednesdays, first on central net games before going on to develop golf skills. P5M have made an enthusiastic start to the Junior Prince William Award sessions aimed at developing teamwork, co-operation, communication and problem solving skills. Later on this term we will be learning how our bodies change through puberty and how babies are conceived and born. There will be an information night for parents before this starts - date to be confirmed.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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.
- Homework should be signed in jotters and in reading records. Tables should be practised every week.
- Please make sure your child brings their book bag (or a folder) to school every day with their reading book, reading record and 2 sharp pencils.
- A bottle of plain water is also recommended.