Happy New Year to all our parents and carers. We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready for the new term and the challenges it brings. We have many exciting topics and activities planned.

### Numeracy and Maths

In the term ahead we will be focussing on 2D and 3D shape. This will give us opportunities to do practical activities, creating 3D models from a variety of nets. We will also be revising time; extending our knowledge to 24 hour clock and timetables.

Work in Numeracy will link our knowledge of fractions to decimals with multiplication and division, whilst continuing our work on the 4 operations (×, ÷, +, - ) and problem solving.

Please continue to practice the times tables and subtraction and addition facts at home for rapid recall.

### Literacy and English

#### Reading

**Reading**
Reading Teams will continue. Your child may have a new Reading Team teacher.

**Homework**
Reading Team teachers will give out reading homework on Tuesday to be returned on Thursday. There will be no spelling or written work accompanying this. Class teachers will now set spelling homework, this will go home with the Homework grid.

In class we are enjoying reading our class novel which is Gangsta Granny.

#### Story Writing

We will be working on different genre of fictional storywriting. The Talk 4 Writing approach is proving very successful, the children are enjoying mapping out stories and writing within a given structure. We look forward to sharing these with you at Parent consultations.

#### Listening and Talking / ICT

During ICT sessions the children are developing skills in creating PowerPoint presentations based on our IDL topic. These are then presented to the class, this encourages confidence in speaking, listening and questioning.

### P.E.

The children will have P.E. Monday and Thursday. PE kits should be taken home regularly to be washed.

For P.E. please ensure your child has a change of:
- shoes
- T shirt
- shorts/leggings/trousers (outdoors)

Please ensure water bottles only contain water whilst at school.

This term Primary 5CG will have the following specialist teachers:
- Mrs Power - P.E
- Mrs Poves de la Rosa – Spanish
- Miss McInroy – Music

### Upcoming Events

- **29.01.20** Parent Consultations
- **30.01.20** Parent Consultations
- **28.02.20** Shared Learning

### HOLIDAYS/IN SERVICE DAYS

- **06.01.20** Staff In Service Day
- **07.01.20** Pupils Resume
- **07.02.20** Schools Session Ends for February Holidays
- **17.02.20** All return from the February Holiday

### Topic

Our main focus this term will be plants, animals, food chains, life cycles and looking after the environment.

Our next Science topics will be planet Earth/biodiversity and interdependence. We will be learning about how to identify and classify living things.

### Ways you can support your child’s learning by encouraging them:

- to practise tables and the relationship between multiplication and division
- to take responsibility for their own organisation
- to read a selection of books for understanding and pleasure
- to practise spelling familiar words which they are still unsure of.

If you have any concerns or queries, please either call the school office to organise an appointment time or write a note in your child’s homework diary.

To share in your child’s learning journey, please keep in touch by following us on twitter.

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