



Primary 5 Newsletter - Term 2

Welcome to the Primary 5 newsletter! We hope you had a wonderful October break. Here you will find information about what is going on in Primary 5 this term.

Literacy

In Reading we will start Literature Circles. Each Reading Group will choose a text to focus on. A key aim of Literature Circles is to allow the children to explore a text in depth. The children will continue to receive weekly home learning in the form of chapters to read and a Literature Circle role. To ensure they get the most from the Literature Circle sessions it is important that they read the pages and prepare their role. The classes will also begin focusing on comprehension during class time reading.

Writing - In Writing we will be continuing a focus on imaginative pieces - specifically poetry, building upon our work last term on adjectives and similes. Both classes will begin learning about metaphors and use these in their writing. Later in the term we will be working on functional writing inspired by learning about Healthy Eating. Spelling will continue to be taught weekly in class - the word lists are being updated on Spelling City each week. Although this is optional, it is an effective way for the children to practise their spelling words.

Numeracy and Maths -

This term, there will be a focus on multiplication and division. We are encouraging the children to practise their tables as much as possible, including at home. The children all have their logins for Education City and Sumdog or they can also use online games such as <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to practise key skills. In Maths this term we will be focusing on Money, building upon our mental addition and subtraction skills.

Learning Across the Curriculum -

This term we will complete our Rockford's Opera topic. So far the class have enjoyed watching and listening to the stories and using it as a stimulus to discuss and find out about extinct animals, how animals adapt, which animals are under threat and the natural or manmade causes behind this. Last term we focused on independent research skills, the children will apply these skills during our Social Studies topic which we will start later this term.

Health and Well-Being-

P5A's PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. P5B's PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Last term we began a topic on respecting ourselves and others linking in to the new school expectations and are developing a positive view of ourselves and our achievements. This term we will be looking at healthy eating on the run up to Christmas!

Wider Achievements-

If your child has accomplished any new achievements outside school please encourage them to let us know!

Ideas for Learning at Home

Reading - Completing weekly home learning, finding texts based on their interests and encourage your child to explore a wide range of texts.

Spelling - Try to practise spelling patterns taught in class (these can be found on Spelling City). It is useful to practise spelling rules from previous weeks. This ensures the children really know the pattern.

Numeracy - Lots of practise of times tables will really help the children with their learning in class.

Maths - Find different ways data is collected and displayed in magazines, apps and on television and ask questions about what is shown. This will give the children a real context for their learning

Vision, Values and Expectations

We recently launched our new Bonnyrigg Vision:

'Today we achieve. Tomorrow we make a difference.'

Our core values are:

Safe, Achieving, Confident and Happy

Our expectations for all in our school community are that we are:

Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn

Miss Fraser and Mr Morton