



## Primary 5 Newsletter - Term 3

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

### Literacy

**Reading** - In Reading we will be continuing 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. Our Pupils will develop the ability to discuss, define and explore a text. This is an essential way for the children to develop and apply their comprehension skills and to develop the ability to use supporting evidence from a text. The children will continue to receive weekly homework 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. P5 have enjoyed a focus on reading for enjoyment term which will continue into the new term. We ask that the children continue to read texts of varied genres at home to support their learning.

**Writing** - In Writing we will be focusing on functional writing, especially newspaper articles. We will also use our History topic as a stimulus for imaginative pieces of writing. 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, division and fractions. Times tables are an integral part of all three areas so we are asking the children to practise their tables as much as possible. 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 time.

### Learning Across the Curriculum -

This term we will complete our Historical Society Project 'The History of My School'. This is part of a competition with other schools in Midlothian. If any family members or friends have any information or knowledge about the history of Bonnyrigg Primary this would help the classes greatly. We look forward to learning more about how the school has changed and developed over time.

In Term 2 we have been learning about climate change and the impact of renewable and non-renewable energies. The children are aware of ways to live more sustainably and the impact that humans are having on the planet. We will be continuing our research into the new term.

### Health and Wellbeing-

In Term 2 we were very lucky to have the Rugby Development Officer working with both classes. The children have been introduced to the basics of Rugby including defending, passing, kicking, good sportsmanship etc. The children have really enjoyed these sessions and hope to build on the skills further across the year.

In Term 3 the children will be introduced to the Living and Growing topic. There will be a presentation for parents to attend to explain what the children will be learning about. A letter in Term 3 will be sent out to let you know when this will take place. The children will learn about some of the changes that take place as they grow and develop relationships.

### 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 patterns 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** -Practise reading both analogue and digital times. Provide opportunities for your children to calculate times of journeys using real life contexts. Consolidate Money topic by encouraging children to help budget for food shopping!

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