



Primary 5 Newsletter - Term 2

Here you will find information about what is going on in Primary 5 this term.

Literacy -

Reading - Each Reading Group will have a text to focus on. 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. With current guidance and restrictions this will continue to happen in the classroom.

P5 have enjoyed a focus on "reading for enjoyment" which will continue into this term. We ask that the children continue to read texts of varied genres at home to support their learning.

Writing - In Writing we will focus on persuasive techniques, describing character appearance/physical traits and creating an imaginative story, with a climax or twist. Spelling will continue to be taught weekly in class and words will be uploaded onto Spelling City. 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 fractions and decimals. Children will be asked to identify the fraction as well as find a fraction of a number. During lessons we will also continue to focus on mental maths strategies. We continue to encourage the children to practise quick recall of times tables facts and number bonds as much as possible as this is helpful in all areas of Numeracy. In Maths P5A will focus on tessellations and time, and P5B will focus on money and time. The children all have 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.

Learning Across the Curriculum -

This term P5 are continuing to learn about the Victorians. We will be focusing on how they celebrated different holidays, including Christmas. We will also be looking at famous Victorians and their inventions. We are discovering what life was like for a rich and poor family and finding out about school life, which has given us a great appreciation for school today! The children will use a range of research skills to develop their knowledge and share their learning.

Health and Wellbeing -

P5A's PE day is a Wednesday. P5B's PE day is a Thursday. This term we are focusing on decision making, concentration and physical fitness. The children will develop these skills through a range of team games.

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 - Exposing your child to a range of texts/authors and discussing these at home.

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 patterns. P5B have been looking at plural spellings. They will be moving onto double letters e.g. **stopped, skipped**

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

Maths - Continue to focus on telling the time - ask the children to tell you the time or extend by asking them to work out durations of time or to read a range of timetables.

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