

P5 Term 1 Class Newsletter

Greetings all and a very warm welcome to Primary 5!

The children have settled in very well to their new class over the past few weeks. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your cooperation and communications so far and to share with you some of the learning that we are planning for this term in Primary 5.

Literacy

This term our class novel is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. We are also utilising school reading books to read on a daily basis in small groups with adult support in order to help us develop fluency, expression, pace and tone when we are reading out loud. In order to encourage enjoyment and choice in reading the children will have the opportunity to visit the school library every Monday afternoon from where they are permitted to borrow books. I am encouraging the children to read for enjoyment by allowing time each day for quiet reading in class. The children are encouraged to keep their library books in class for this purpose, but are permitted to bring a book from home if this is preferred.

This term we will also be working on developing our writing skills by focusing on punctuation, sentence structure, vocabulary and layout/presentation. We will also be working on our spelling and hand-writing on a regular basis.

Numeracy

Over the past few weeks we have been looking at place value, properties of 2D shapes, and time. In the coming days we will be starting to utilise the Big Maths progression during our daily numeracy lessons. The children will take part in brief weekly assessments using the Big Maths platform which is designed to highlight the areas that they to focus on. There are CLIC assessments which focus on number processes and calculations, as well as SAFE assessments which focus on Shape, Amounts, Fractions and Exploring data. There are also 'Learn Its!' challenges which encourage the learning of facts such as multiplication, times tables and number bonds.

Homework

This will be communicated through Google Classroom so please keep an eye out for an invitation to join the P5 Classroom soon.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be taking part in weekly football training with coaches from AFCCT (Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust) on Friday mornings, as well as PE on a Wednesday morning with Mrs. Matthew.

Over the past few weeks we have been discussing the rights to which we are entitled as well as how to appropriately exercise these rights, demonstrate respect for the rights of those around us, and accept the appropriate responsibilities that come with these rights.

Context for Learning

This term we are exploring the world's Polar regions with the intention to compare and contrast these regions with our own physical environment. We will be investigating the main features of weather and climate in these regions and how this impacts on living things. So far the children have contributed their own ideas about what they would like to learn about, including the animals that live in these areas as well as how animals and people survive in these regions.

And finally....

Please inform the school office if your child will be absent from school. The phone number is 01779 403685.

The children will occasionally wish to share their learning with home using the Seesaw app, so please keep an eye out for any exciting news!

I hope that this information has been useful and informative for you. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Wright