



PRIMARY 5 NEWSLETTER - TERM 4



ENGLISH AND LITERACY

This term your child will be:

- Continuing to improve writing skills by focusing on vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP).
- Continuing to write using different genres - focus on fact files, storyboards, playscripts and informative texts.
- Using brief notes to create their own factual texts such as newspaper reports and discursive/persuasive texts
- Reading for information and using their own words to demonstrate their knowledge
- Recognising how to distinguish between fact and opinion in both written and oral information
- Reading non-fiction books and skimming for vocabulary words
- Continuing to use a dictionary, task word banks and a thesaurus.
- Practise their handwriting and presentation skills.
- Developing grammar knowledge.
- Using punctuation skills in all writing tasks and activities.
- Assessing and editing their own work and the work of their peers
- Using spelling programmes and reflections of their own work to improve spelling.



NUMERACY AND MATHS

This term your child will be:

- Adding and subtracting mentally and sharing methods (Stockbridge Counts).
- Multiplying and dividing and consolidating times tables.
- Learning about different payment methods and how to use them appropriately.
- Using money to pay for items and working out change.
- Investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Learning about angles and compass points.
- Using coordinates to plot points and describe positions and movements on a grid.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

P.E. lessons will be taught on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The main focus of these lessons will be encouraging perseverance and stamina within athletics. Primary 5 will also be working on their batting and fielding skills. Please ensure that you remind your child to bring a full PE kit each week.

The health and wellbeing focus for this term will be 'Respecting Myself' taken from the 'Resilience' whole school programme. Primary 5 will also be learning about the dangers of tobacco and looking at ways to respond to peer pressure. In Living and Growing, we will be learning about 'differences', naming body parts, how a baby develops in the womb and changes through life.

SCIENCE — Our science topics this term is Gravity and Resistance.

ICT - Primary 5 will continue to use the Smart board to support all areas of the curriculum and iPads and laptops will be used for various independent and partner activities, during our topic work. We will also use the iPads to record our learning in creative ways.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS - Drama will be taught by Mrs Burdon on a Tuesday, and this, along with our art work will be linked to our 'Scottish Wars of Independence' topic. Music will be taught by Mr. Briggs on a Thursday.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY

Our topic this term is the Scottish Wars of Independence. There will be a trip to Stirling Castle where we will be able to experience exciting activities relating to our studies. Discovering the history of Scotland has already enthused Primary 5 and we will continue to look at the lives of key figures who took part in the Wars of Independence. On Monday 19th June, we will hold a class assembly to share our learning.

By the end of the term your child will be able to:

- *understand the events that led to the Wars of Independence
- *evaluate how some famous Scots contributed to the outcomes of the battles
- *name and discuss various weapons and armour that soldiers would have used
- *analyse how the Wars of Independence have shaped Scotland as it is today



A CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

Successful Learners: we will support the children in working towards achieving their personal learning targets created during their discussions with us.

Confident Individuals: Pupils will be performing in front of an audience in our assembly. Pupils will also present their Long Term Homework Project to the class.

Effective Contributors: Pupils will work together in pairs and groups in a variety of situations and will work as part of a team to present our end of year show.

Responsible Citizens: Pupils will begin to take ownership of, and develop responsibility for, their own learning.

HOMEWORK

Spelling, reading and maths homework will be given out every Tuesday, to be returned every Monday. A longer term research project will be given to children which will support their ongoing topic work.

Pupils should bring a pencil case, with 2 sharpened pencils, a rubber and a water bottle to class each day.



Miss McMillen