

Welcome to P5/4
Term 1 Learning Letter
Miss Leggatt and Mrs Hughes

Literacy

Reading

P5/4 have core reading three times per week. We will be choosing weekly library books - discussing and reviewing our choices. We will have class story linked to our enterprise topic that will be ongoing throughout the year. We will be doing various reading and comprehension activities, using both fiction and non-fiction texts. Our focus will be on enjoyment and choice and tools for reading this term.

Talking and Listening

This term we will be continuing developing our skills by listening to and following instructions; listening to and sharing news; listening to and discussing stories; asking and answering questions; watching and listening to different texts; and recalling events.

Writing/Spelling/Phonics

P5/4 will continue to consolidate Phonics when required. Additional termly lessons will cover areas such as punctuation, Grammar and Spelling (PEGS). We will have a main writing session every week. This term we will focus on the wonderful world of imaginative stories.

Numeracy and Mathematics

In Numeracy and Mathematics we will be focusing on the following areas.

- Daily Mental Maths
- Number and number process
- Estimating and rounding
- Patterns and sequences
- Place Value
- Money and Time

Health and Wellbeing

PE - will be on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday mornings. Please can children come with kit ready to change into on those days. To start, the children will be developing co-ordination and teamwork skills. As the term progresses they will be further develop the skills of throwing, catching, kicking, rebound and invasion. To begin, we will learn this through basketball, football and benchball.

The children will focus on our Well-being indicators during PE and circle time.

We will also be exploring the Kapow Health & Wellbeing programme through Circle times - covering our feelings, our actions, our purpose, celebrating mistakes, healthy bodies and positive thinking. We will also be learning about Food and Health.

Social Subjects

Our citizenship project for the year will be Fairtrade. We will explore ways we can work with the school and wider community to encourage the use of Fairtrade products where ever possible. All our activities on this subject will be included in our class assembly later in the year.

Expressive Arts

Art - The class will have weekly lessons with Mrs McBride. Her focus will be COP26 this term.

Drama - The class will be having short weekly lessons Mrs Mardon. Areas covered will be teamwork, character building, movement, mime and warm ups.

Music - The class will be getting weekly music lessons with Mrs Hughes. The children will be developing their understanding of musical terms as they listen to a range of music and take part in activities that focus on mood and rhythm.

How to help at home

When reading with your child, ask them to tell you what genre it is? How do they know? Discuss the features of the genre. Ask them to retell the story in the order of how the events occurred. Read the reading book to a younger sibling or adult. Discuss the various punctuation or features of languages, simile or metaphor etc.

You can help your child improve their maths skills by helping them to learn their times tables. We recommend giving them access to songs, rhymes and resources such as those found on ICT. Take the opportunity to challenge your child to estimate different sums, to repeat and verbally deliver number sequences; counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s 100s and 1000s from any given number.

Whenever possible can you encourage the use of money and telling the time. This will be a focus this term but will be ongoing throughout the year.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Miss Leggatt