

Welcome to P5!

This term in Primary 5 we will be learning...

Literacy

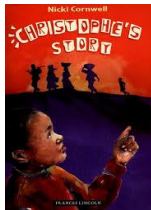
In Primary Five we will cover at least one element of literacy every day.

Spelling

We will learn a different spelling pattern or sound each week. On Mondays, the pattern of the week will be discussed, and children will record their spelling words for the week. Spelling words will consist of eight 'pattern words' and two 'responsive words', taken from spelling errors in the previous week's written work. Tuesday and Wednesday spelling words will be practiced using a range of 'say, write and do' activities. On Thursdays we will practice dictation sentences using our spelling words and the focus on Fridays will be common or tricky words which can't be sounded out.

Reading

Currently there are two different reading groups in class, one using chapter books and novels and the other using Read, Write Inc. resources to practice decoding and develop fluency in reading out loud. The groups will alternate each day so every child will be heard reading at least twice a week. Additionally, we will be using the novel 'Christophe's Story' to discuss themes, summarise information and complete activities inspired by the text.



Writing

In class we will have one writing focused lesson each week, in addition to other written work from across the curriculum. Children will be exposed to real life examples of written texts, using these to inspire their own writing and develop their own success criteria. Children will be encouraged to work collaboratively to develop their ideas and improve the quality of their written pieces. We will focus on the process of writing, sharing their success and talking time to plan, edit, review and publish their work. This term we will focus on recount writing, non-fiction fact files and story writing.

You will be informed if your child is receiving additional support for learning in literacy from Ms Finlayson.

Maths & Numeracy

Numeracy

In Primary 5 we will do three numeracy lessons per week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will initially focus on place value before then moving on to focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Maths

Maths will be covered on Mondays and Fridays, focusing on time; both telling the time on a range of clocks and answering time problems.

Mental Agility

We will continue to work on mental agility at the start of each lesson, working through the rainbow of activities.



Ancient Greece



The first interdisciplinary topic of Primary 5 will be Ancient Greece. We have looked at how we find out about societies in the past and the reliability of both primary and secondary sources. We will learn about life in Ancient Greece, comparing with life in modern day Scotland; as well as what Ancient Greek developments we still use today. Linking to this we will examine the Ancient Greek Olympics, comparing with the modern Games.



We will also use the topic of Ancient Greece as a stimulus for learning in art and food technology.

Health & Wellbeing

Building Resilience

Throughout this term a focus of our Health and Wellbeing will be the Building Resilience program. The aim of this program is to develop pupils' ability to cope whenever situations and experiences seem difficult and challenging.



Rights Respecting Schools

Primary 5 have learnt about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Based on this we created our own class charter; in Primary 5 we all have the right to an education, to be listened to and taken seriously and to be safe.



RSHP

Throughout the year Primary Five will work through the relationships, sexual health and parenthood resource (RSHP). This term we will focus on friends and friendships.

German and I.T.

German

On Mondays Mrs Bruner will be teaching German in Primary 5. Children will learn to speak, read and write simple words and phrases. We will use the language daily to enhance learning.



I.T.

As well as explicit IT lessons, we will use technology daily to enhance learning.

P.E.

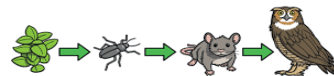
Primary Five will have P.E. lessons on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Sessions will be devoted to gross-motor skills, balance and general fitness. This will aid development across a wide range of sports and activities.

Ideally every pupil will have a P.E. kit. Any change of t-shirt and shorts / tracksuit bottoms / leggings is suitable. I would kindly ask that no football tops are worn. Please also note that for the health and safety of all pupils, jewellery (other than a simple stud earrings) must be removed, and hair must tied back.

If you are not able to provide a PE kit, please contact the school office in confidence and we will do our best to support.

Science

After our topic on Ancient Greece we will then complete a block of science learning. The key focus will be on animal adaptations, food chains and webs as well as extinction. Children will have the opportunity to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways, including creating models of different habitats and associated food chains. We will also cover plant and animal life cycles.



Additional Information

- We will try to use the local area and resources within walking distance to enrich learning experiences. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.
- At Royal Mile we are fortunate to have access to lots of free resources on our doorstep. To be mindful of the cost of the school day I will limit the number of paid trips and excursions and give as much notice of these as possible. If you are struggling to pay for a trip, please contact the office in confidence and we may be able to help.
- We will try to use the Children's Library (George IV Bridge) roughly once a month. If your child does not yet have a library card, please complete the form sent home and return ASAP.

Home Learning

Home learning will be provided on a Monday and will be collected in on a Thursday. There will be learning in maths and numeracy; spelling; and one piece from across the curriculum. Each child will be provided with a home learning jotter and a pencil. **Home learning is voluntary and should not add extra stress or pressure to families.**

Questions...?

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch. I may arrange a telephone call to discuss any concerns as it is not always possible or appropriate to discuss issues in front of children and other parents at the end of the day. The school email is:

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