



# Primary 6 Class Newsletter



Term 1

Welcome to our class newsletter.

Have a read through all of the exciting things we have planned for the coming term!

## Literacy & English.

We will be developing and building upon our skills from P5 in reading, writing, spelling, handwriting, as well as listening and talking. Children will have access to personal choice books from our class and school library, as well as a core Reading text, which we will be working on comprehension and metacognition skills. We are introducing a new core, spelling program - Nelson Spelling, which we will link closely with our handwriting practice. We are building our writing stamina through daily written tasks, increasing detail and complexity through the week. Children will also be involved in a weekly Current Affairs task, where they can use their Writing skills in a variety of contexts. Children will be expected to participate in researching and delivering a class talk, from a chosen topic list. More information about this will be sent out in due course.

## Numeracy & Maths

Within our Numeracy we will be working on our rapid recall of basic number bonds as well as our times tables. We will be looking at how we can use these skills in a variety of contexts to solve problems. We will focus on counting forwards and backwards from a given number within 100, 1000 and beyond.

Our Topical Maths will be focusing on Time. We will be looking at the relation between analogue and digital, 12 & 24 hour times. We will then develop our knowledge of time and numeracy to be able to calculate duration of a variety of items/situations.

Homework will include numeracy challenges and/or a topical maths task. You will find these on the Weekly Homework Diary sheet in your child's homework folder.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

Our overarching topic will be The Victorians, but before we can get stuck into this, we will be doing some background researching and investigation into the new Carolean era we now find ourselves in, what we, in society, take for granted and how this all came about. Subject areas covered across the overarching topic will be Science and Technology, History, Geography and Digital advances.

## Health & Wellbeing

Children will have 2 PE sessions per week - one with myself (Monday afternoon) and the other with Miss McAllister (Wednesday morning). This term will be Fitness and Golf.

Daily mile will happen on 3 days a week.

Our Health and well-being in the classroom will be focusing on our school values, which will be the focus during Snack, Chat & Learn as well as Assemblies, SHANARRI (GIRFEC), UNCRIC (Rights of the Child), All about me - friendships with others and Building Resilience, Year 2 - Take a moment. We use **Plickers**, as a daily check-in for the children to make us aware of how they are feeling and if they are ready to tackle the day ahead.

## Numeracy & Maths Vocabulary

This is a variety of vocabulary, but is by no means exhaustible.

- Analogue/Digital
- Clockwise/anti-clockwise
- Intervals/durations
- hours, minutes, seconds, days, weeks, months, months in a year, weeks in a year, days in a year, leap year
- century, decade, millennium, seasons.

## Addiewell Aces Padlet

Please use the Addiewell Ace Padlet to share any achievements your child has at home. This can be anything that they feel proud of.

The padlet can be accessed by using the QR code.



## New Staff Members

We would like to welcome our new staff members to the Addiewell family.



Mrs Jewell Smith joins us as our new school admin. She will be in the school office from 8.30am until 3.30pm each day.



Mrs Petrie joins us as acting Principal Teacher. She will be in school from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August



Miss Smith joins us as Primary 4 Teacher.



Miss Grant joins us as Primary 3 teacher. She will be in class on a Monday, Tuesday morning, Thursday and Friday. Miss Martinez will be in class on a Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday.

### Class Information

Mrs Simpkins & Mrs Swan are the key adults with the class.

Daily snack (20p/day) available, which could be paid for daily, but would be appreciated if it were weekly or even termly.

PE Days - Monday pm and Wednesday am. Children should bring a suitable change of clothes for PE - T-shirt, shorts and a pair of suitable shoes for participating in sports/games, for health and safety reasons. I will make storage available if you would like to send it on Monday and for it to be kept in school until Friday, when children can bring it home to be laundered.

Children are asked that if they are bring bottles for hydration into school, that they contain WATER, rather than dilute, as the body absorbs water, dilute is flushed out of the body, neither providing sufficient hydration or nutrients. Dilute also contains diuretics, which mean the children will be spending considerable time in the bathroom, whilst valuable learning experiences are taking place. The children will be able to access these at any time during any session, from where they are located on the shelf at the cloakroom area, so children do not miss-out on any learning opportunities.

Children are not required to bring any other equipment to school, ie pencil cases, as we have everything here and it will alleviate any arguments or if something gets broken.

Homework will be set, Wednesday to Wednesday. (I will be providing a HOMEWORK CLUB during a lunch time, that children can attend if the wish to have some adult help) I will aim to put a tutorial video, available on our Teams page that the children can access from any device.

Thank you with you co-operation, to ensure the class is a safe and enjoyable environment for your children to learn and thrive.

### Dates For Your Diary

- **Meet the Teacher** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2.00pm - 3.10pm
- **Parent Council Meeting** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm
- **September holiday** break Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, return Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September
- **Primary 5 Class Assembly** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30pm
- **Parent Consultations** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October
- **October holiday** break Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, return Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please feel free to contact us through the school office or school email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



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