

P5 Newsletter November 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and having enjoyed a bit of down time over the October holidays despite the storms. The children have been sharing bits of news.



This term P5 will be continuing with **Social Studies** topic of Fishing and Farming. The pupils learnt a lot about fishing last term and will be looking more at types of farming this term. This will include learning about seasonal, local produce, food miles, healthy diet, land use and map skills.



In **maths**, P5 will be learning more, and having the opportunity to explore, the uses of different **strategies for subtraction** working with numbers to 10 000 and using these strategies to calculate costs and change. Also included this term is **time**. The focus for P5 will be using their knowledge of time to calculate durations and start to record times using 24-hour clock. Times tables will be revised to increase speed of recall too.



Writing tasks this term will be around writing for different reasons with the main learning around **punctuation, openers and sentence structures**. **Reading** tasks will reflect this learning so will be focused on the language, format and punctuation choices of the author. **Giving opinions, discussion and asking questions** will form a large part of **Listening and Talking** this term, alongside **presenting** to an audience and speaking in a fluent, clear, concise manner with the **P5 Class Assembly on Wednesday 29th November at 2:45**. I hope you will be able to join us.

The focus in **Health and Wellbeing** this term will be working **collaboratively** and all the skills required including looking for and using other people's **strengths, taking responsibility, how our actions and attitudes can affect those around us and understanding how feelings can affect how others react to us**. T



Homework will continue to be set using a homework task map on Google classroom. Encourage your child to do what tasks they can when they can. Reading days will alter slightly this term; either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Friday usually with a book detective task to complete alongside reading.

If you would like to see photographs of different activities that P5 have been doing you can find some on Google Classroom for your child to share with you.

Weekly timetable:

Tuesday: French with Miss Ruxton (numbers, days and months of the year, weather)

Wednesday: PE with Miss Anderson - Badminton

Thursday - Assembly

Friday: PE - Hockey and Dance

Library (fortnightly)

Dates for your diary:

Wed 1st November- PSC Halloween Disco P4-P7 7:15-8:15pm

Fri 10th November - Rotary Shoe Box Appeal-last day to return boxes to school.

Wed 15th November- Children in Need - Dress as You Please Day

Thu 16th & Fri 17th - Staff In-Service Days-School closed to pupils & parents.

Wednesday 29th November - P5 Class Assembly (2:45pm)

Tue 19th December - Primary 1 to 7 Christmas outing to the Cinema-details to follow.

Wed 20th December- End of term Christmas Church Service 9:30am-Portlethen Parish Church

Wed 20th December- School Christmas Lunch-details to follow

Fri 22nd December - Last day of term 2

Mon 25th December to Fri 5th January - Christmas Holidays!

Mon 8th January 2024-Term 3 begins

If you have any comments, questions or concerns please get in touch. You can email me (gw11mcraefiona2@glow.sch.uk), email or telephone the school and I will get in touch.

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