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**Primary 5 Term 1 Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The summer holidays have flown in and we’re hard back at work. The children have settled quickly back into class routines and are doing well at organising themselves with everything they need to bring to school. Please remind your child that homework needs to come into school every day.

We are pleased to have Alex Clark as our Parent Council representative for Primary 5. Her role will be to liaise with P5 parents and identify issues for discussion by the Parent Council.

We look forward to a great year ahead after such a super start!

Miss Pow & Mrs Finlayson

**Mathematics**

The main numeracy topics this term will be place value, addition and subtraction. We will also continue to extend our knowledge of mental strategies by practising our ‘daily 4’ – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables as much as possible, as instant recall is very important for your child’s progress in number.

‘Shape’ will be another area of investigation this term, where our learners will consolidate and extend their knowledge of the names of 2D and 3D shapes, as well as describing their properties. This will lead on nicely to some work on symmetry and tiling.

**Literacy**

P5 will shortly begin work on a “The Boy in the Biscuit Tin”, this term’s novel study. For discrete reading lessons we will be looking closer at inference and developing our skills in inferring through a variety of texts. Opportunities with dedicated E.R.I.C (Everyone Reading in Class) times throughout the week encourage our learners to read for pleasure.

In Writing, we are working on developing personal writing, with a focus on using interesting language to engage the reader. We will also look at strengthening our technical skills, such as the use of full stops, capital letters, commas, question marks, exclamation marks and paragraphs. We would appreciate your support in emphasising the importance of using correct punctuation in any written work at home.

**Learning Across the Curriculum**

* P5 will soon be learning the recorder with Mrs. Stentiford, our Music specialist. Many of the children from our class are also involved in the school choir, which practices on Monday afternoons.
* In R.M.E, the children will be looking at Harvest and how Christians celebrate this important festival. We will also be finding out about key Christian figures such as Moses and Mother Teresa.
* As part of Social Studies, the class will be learning about what it means to belong to a community, their role and responsibilities within different communities and the impact they can have.

**H&WB**

In our P.E lessons we will be looking at how we communicate with each other when working in a team, both in verbal and non-verbal capacities. We will be exploring this through a wide range of team games and sports. Our current P.E days are a Monday and a Thursday; please be advised the timetable can be subject to change. Bringing in kit (change of top, shorts/jogging bottoms and indoor shoes) on a Monday and taking it home on Friday will help make sure the children are always prepared!

In other areas of HWB, to support our work on positive relationships, we will be consolidating and expanding our knowledge of the ‘Cool in School’ programme, where the children are encouraged to use a range of strategies to help them resolve problems independently.