



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this newsletter is to give you key information in relation to your child's learning in Primary 5.

I am delighted to have taken on this class from P4; we were really able to 'hit the ground running' after COVID lockdown and we have a great relationship already established. There are lots of interesting things planned for the following session and the children have already achieved so much in the short time we have been back! Keep an eye on Twitter for the most up-to-date information on what we have been learning.

Miss Pow

Literacy

Many of our **literacy activities** this session will be linked to **topical issues**. In **Writing**, the children will be exploring a variety of genre, including **imaginative stories, functional pieces** and **writer's craft**.

Reading homework will be given out at different times throughout the week, so it is really important that learners have their **reading book** in the **school bags** every day so that we can complete **follow up tasks** in school. The children will also be encouraged to **select appropriate texts** during **personal reading time**.

We are working hard in Primary 5 to **improve** our **handwriting** and the overall **quality** of our **presentation**. The children's efforts are really paying off and our jotters are looking beautiful!

Mathematics

The **Daily 4 model** will continued to be used in Primary 5 to improve our **mental strategies** when working with the 4 operations of number. Being able to **explain thinking** is the most important part of the learning process; please encourage your child to talk through their strategies when completing numeracy tasks at home.

Times tables continue to be a priority at this stage. Learners who are not yet secure in their multiplication facts should **practise** as much as possible, as **instant recall** is very important in your child's progress.

Key topics in our maths lessons this session will include **data analysis, symmetry and transformation** and **properties of shape**.

Health and Wellbeing

Emotional literacy is a huge priority for everyone at the moment so in P5 we will be developing our **emotional vocabulary** through creative writing, drama and artwork. We will also be learning **skills** and **strategies** to help us **manage** when we find things **challenging**.

We aim to make use of the **outdoors** as much as possible for a variety of learning experiences throughout the school week - a **warm, waterproof coat** is crucial as the colder months are drawing in.

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Monday to be completed by Friday. Detailed instructions can be found in the homework jotter. Due to the current COVID situation, learners will be given verbal feedback on their written homework during a collaborative working session on hand-in day.