

P5K's Term 4 Newsletter

Can you believe it's the final term of P5 already, what a year! This term has already shaped up to be a busy one. What a way to start - a fantastic performance from the Scottish Opera, I think you will agree that all the children were amazing and did themselves and the school proud. We hope to carry on to the same standard throughout this term as we have lots coming up.

Context for Learning : This term we will be studying biodiversity and sustainability within our local environment. We will be learning about this through the John Muir Award. The Award consists of four main parts: discovery, exploration, conservation and sharing activities and is centred on wild, outdoor environment. We plan to use both the school grounds and our local habitats to achieve this. As you can imagine we will be on the lookout for potential helpers for these trips.

Literacy : Our focus this term will begin on instruction writing which is already well underway. We will also be focussing on persuasive writing. We will be using our context for learning as a stimulus for this. The children will be developing their skills in creating reasoned argument, posing rhetorical questions and challenging the ideas of others. This will also lend itself to learning about fact and opinion and the reliability of our research material.

Numeracy: In Maths we will continue to focus on mental agility this term but we will also be focusing on using time and duration and problem solving activities. We will be working on our skills of data handling and hope to be able to gather lots of interesting information on our topic.

Homework: as you may have noticed there has been a slight change in the structure of homework. Hopefully you are finding this better and more manageable. The aim of homework is that it should support the work that is going on in class and not just be a pointless paper exercise. With this in mind it would be great if you could complete the online survey. In terms of routine - homework should continue the same pattern of Tuesday to Thursday and longer for larger tasks. Please do not hesitate to communicate any thoughts or concerns re homework.

Health and wellbeing + PE: We will be covering Living and Growing lessons this term. The theme of these lessons is Changes and further information will follow. We will also be looking at healthy minds and meditation. In PE this term children will be taking part in PE with me this will consist of tennis in the first half of the term and athletics in the second. I have been slightly concerned about the lack of appropriate PE kits lately and would remind P5's that they must have kit everyday with appropriate footwear, too many children are saying they don't have trainers or they don't fit!

I would like to thank you again for your continued support this year, your dedication to your children and the school make such a difference. Please do not hesitate to contact me via your child's home/school book if you have any concerns or questions. Looking forward to seeing you throughout the term.

Kind Regards Mrs Fleetwood & P5K



wild places:
DISCOVER
EXPLORE
CONSERVE
SHARE

Timetable

Wednesday:

- Science - Mrs Murray

Thursday:

- Music - Mrs Minto

Friday:

- Library every 2nd week starting 12/05/17
- French with Mrs Strand
- Drama with Miss Harris
- Orienteering with Mrs Fleetwood

NB—PE will be weather depended so PE kits should be available everyday

Important Dates

- Thursday 11th May - P5 Cluster Ceilidh
- Friday 19th May - Learning showcase
- Monday 5th June - Local holiday
- Friday 9th June - Sports day
- Friday 16th June - Alternative sports day
- Friday 30th June - End of term 4



Discover



Explore



Conserve



Share