



Term 1

Primary 5P Newsletter ☺



Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Miss Ritchie and I am delighted to be teaching Primary 5P this year. I am very pleased at how well all the children have settled into the class over the last couple of weeks, and I am looking forward to working together with you and your child over the year ahead. Below I have summarised some important information for you and your child regarding this term.

Homework

Homework will be issued on a **Thursday** and is expected to be completed and returned the following **Tuesday**. **The class are also required to read their reading book in school three times a week.** The pages they are required to read for homework will be recorded in their home-school link books (see below).



Home/school diary

Each child will have a home- school link book and this will be used to communicate the children's reading homework for the week. Can I please ask that you check and sign your child's link book to show that you have seen the homework they have produced and are satisfied with it. The link book will also provide the opportunity to communicate with any parents that I do not see every day.



Timetable

Please note that timings and specialists are likely to change throughout the year to ensure your child has a rounded experience of different curricular areas. The current schedule is as follows:

Monday - P4C (Philosophy for Children) and Problem Solving with Mrs Johnston

Wednesday- PE with Class Teacher

Thursday- PE with Class Teacher, Library every second week (30.08.18, 13.09.18, 27.09.18 and 11.10.18)

Friday- Assembly and Excellence Time

PE

The children will have two PE sessions a week. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit every day in case we have an additional PE slot. Please ensure all items of clothing are named to avoid confusion over ownership.



Water and Snack

We encourage the children to bring water bottles to school so that they can drink water during the day. To encourage healthy eating, the school's Golden Carrot competition continues. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack Monday to



Thursday and to leave Friday as a treat day! Please refrain from giving your child peanut and nut based snacks as there are children with severe nut allergies in school.

Literacy

- Handwriting - focus on neat joined up handwriting
- Spelling - variety of spelling activities daily
- Writing - imaginative, poetry and instructional writing linked to our class novel
- reading and comprehension - oral reading, summarisation and prediction skills



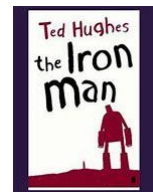
Maths

- Mental Maths - daily to develop mental agility
- Place Value - to gain a deep understanding of place value as it is an essential building block to developing fluency in addition and subtraction
- Four Operations- developing written and mental strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide
- Expressions and Equations - using mental maths knowledge to support the learning and understanding of expressions and equations.

Topic

All Primary 5 classes are starting off this year with a book study mini-topic. We will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will use this novel study as a platform to explore issues/themes raised in his book.

- technological advances made throughout history
- components used in electrical circuits
- the suitability of certain materials for specific uses;
- robot art in the style of Eric Joyner



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 31st August - Open afternoon - 1.45pm-2.45pm
- Tuesday 2nd October - Parents' Meetings - details and times to follow
- Thursday 4th October- Parents' Meetings - details and times to follow
- Friday 12th of October - End of Term



We have made a very good start to P5 and I look forward to sharing our learning experiences with you over the year!

Miss Ritchie

30.08.18



