



Primary 5 Term Ahead: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school after your October break. I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for another exciting term. Below are details of what the children will be learning over this term as well as some useful information for the term ahead.

Literacy and English

In reading, we will be focusing on the following skills:

- Choosing and picking appealing books using '**I PICK**'
 - **I** choose a book
 - **P**urpose: Why do I want to read it?
 - **I**nterest: Does it interest me?
 - **C**omprehend: Am I understanding what I'm reading?
 - **K**now: I know most of the words.
- Skimming and scanning,
- Reading with fluency,
- Using dictionary and thesaurus,
- Using iPads to identify words and source information.

In writing, we will focus on informative writing using planning, purpose, audience and layout, similes and alliteration, main ideas, topic vocabulary, suitable openings, clear sequence and conclusions.

Grammar and punctuation will be pronouns, adjectives, speech marks and vocabulary

Spelling will concentrate on the patterns soft c, oi and oy, au, ea, ai and ff.

Numeracy and Mathematics

Throughout the year we will be using White Rose Maths to support our numeracy and maths lessons.

In numeracy, we will be focusing on:

Addition and Subtraction

- add and subtract with up to 4 digits using formal and columnar methods
- solve two step addition and subtraction problems
- deciding on appropriate methods and explaining choices.

In maths, we will be focusing on:

Measurement

- Measure and calculate the perimeter of a 2D shape in cm and m.
- Measure and calculate the area of a 2D quadrilateral shape in cm and m.
- Use the correct notation when writing areas - e.g. cm^2
- Use appropriate units to measure

Learning Across the Curriculum

This term we will begin working towards our John Muir Discover Award. We will look at various aspects across science and social studies, including discovering, exploring, conserving and sharing nature.

Our topic this term is rivers, in particular The Water of Leith. We will follow COP26. These topics will link to our John Muir Award.

Health and Well-Being will continue to focus on developing positive relationships. We will also learn how our mental health can be improved through enjoying nature as part of our John Muir Discover Award. We will also discuss personal safety around bonfire night.

Administration

P.E: will take place on Mondays, with the PE specialist. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately so they get the full benefit of the lessons.

Homework: There is no obligatory homework but if you would like some ideas for activities to do at home, please refer to our homework wall.

Outdoor Learning: will take place on Tuesdays, although as our John Muir project progresses we will be outdoors on other days too, so please make sure that your child has a coat and sturdy shoes each day.

Covid Mitigations: Windows are open in classes and corridors so can I suggest that, as the weather gets colder, your child wear layers each day so that they can add or remove clothes as they want?

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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