



Primary 4/5 Learning Leaflet

Information for Parents

Term 2

It was good to meet all parents at our recent Parents' Evening which provided the ideal opportunity to discuss your child's first term in P4/5, gain your feedback and inform you of future expectations to help your child progress in his/her learning in a class where we will continue to promote a positive ethos and happy working environment.

The following will inform you of the content of our work for this term.

Literacy

For Listening and Talking in Term 1 we all enjoyed presenting our Talking Box and sharing our special things. This experience allowed us to learn lots about each other and appreciate that everyone is different. Well done to all children for their efforts.

This term each child will be asked, with guidance, to give a short talk on a favourite book they have enjoyed. More details and dates will be given shortly.

We will continue our Active Spelling work on a 4-week cycle which will allow us time to concentrate on our phoneme words for 2 weeks, tricky words for 1 week and a spelling rule for the 4th week. Some extra words may be included to consolidate the spelling of frequently used words so that your child can use these correctly and confidently in all writing tasks. Class and homework activities will continue to reinforce and consolidate our words. We will also be looking for your child to follow all instructions more independently in class and be more aware of and follow homework instructions with your guidance.

Our Active Reading sessions will continue to link with our Social Studies work and enable us to further explore Charlie and the Chocolate Factory which we are thoroughly enjoying and finding amusing! Together the children will listen to the story as well as read in pairs or groups. Reading strategies already introduced will be reinforced and consolidated while completing a variety of different tasks based on the characters and all the exciting rooms visited in Mr Wonka's Factory.

After discussions with the children, each reading group has decided that they would like to read a Roald Dahl novel for their group reader and are looking forward to discussing it and enjoying it with their group. They will also complete related activities in and out of class.

In writing we will continue to promote the use of capital letters and full stops and adopt the Big Writing method where we will encourage use of varied vocabulary, use of different connectives to link sentences, more ambitious openers and use of basic and more adventurous punctuation. We will also be encouraging all children to use linked script to aid better presentation of work which we will be practising in class.

Numeracy

Mental Agility – With class and home support your child will be encouraged to practise quick recall of their basic number bonds and learn their multiplication tables to aid further progress in numeracy.

In Number, we will look at the concepts of subtraction with larger numbers, multiplication and the introduction/ revision of division. We will use these to solve given problems.

We will also investigate Money, learning about notes and coins, how to calculate change. With Christmas coming soon this will be valuable to promote an understanding and appreciation of costs and use of money.

We will also work on 3D shape looking at a variety of different solid shapes and their properties and nets.

Finally, we will tackle Weight, learn about kilogrammes and grams and carry out practical and written weight tasks while learning how to read from different scales. Hopefully our baking session will help with this too.

Health and Wellbeing

In HWB we will continue our work on what makes a good friend and why friendships are important to us all. This will be followed by us using the Dr Seuss book My Many Coloured Days as stimulus to provide us with opportunities to explore our different feelings and emotions we encounter daily and how best to deal with them and complete different Bounce Back activities.

We will continue our P.E. on Mondays and Wednesdays so appropriate P.E. kit will be required. Please help your child to continue to be prepared for their P.E. lessons as they strive to gain their silver certificate having proudly achieved their Bronze one last term!

Interdisciplinary Learning

Together we will continue to explore our novel and the Journey of Chocolate as well as investigating Fairtrade and enjoying some baking involving chocolate! Lovely!

In RME we will look at some meaningful stories from the Bible and investigate some Christmas traditions.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will continue to enjoy our Science sessions.

Please continue to make sure your child brings a jacket to school and has indoor shoes and a bag for them, takes their reading folder and home/school book daily and hands in all homework signed and on time.

Thank you for your support and co-operation

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