

# Primary 5 September - October

## Newsletter 2018

**In Literacy:** developing our skills in reading - summarizing, predicting, clarifying and questioning. The children will be focusing on developing their fluency and expression when reading aloud, scanning the text for key words and their understanding of the text through various activities. We will be writing animal reports and animal poems. Our grammar focus is capital letter usage, and parts of speech (i.e. nouns, verbs, adjectives.). Our class novels will be Fantastic Mr Fox and The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.

**Free Writing** - In addition to the teaching of writing genres, your children will be given greater opportunities to write freely to develop their creativity and language skills.

**In Numeracy:** looking at numbers to 9999, the value of digits, making numbers, sequencing numbers, addition and subtraction within 10,000. Measure - estimating/measuring in cm and metres. Handling Data - collecting and representing data. We will develop our problem solving skills through a range of activities.

**Mathletics** - a superb programme to supplement what is happening in the classroom. Your child can carry out curriculum based work with the suggested activities and earn activity points - pupils can gain activity points for their work and these will be rewarded at our monthly assemblies. Children will be assigned content by the teacher to help them with any areas they find challenging! It is recommended that children use Mathletics for 45 minutes each week, between school and home. The children will be given a 25 minute time slot to work on mathletics in class per week, please encourage them to make up the rest of their 45 minutes at home.

**ICT** the children will be completing an accreditation task (Graphic It) and researching an animal for their report writing. Pupils will be accessing our Fronter Course on Animals, and this will be a means to share their work and engage in online forums. Children will also be using various apps such as Explain Everything and Green Screen

**Miss Hearty will be taking the children on a Tuesday and Thursday for Music and likewise Ms Gorman for Art.**

We hope you have all had a restful summer and are ready for a busy year ahead. Here is some information about Primary Five and what to expect.

Teachers: Mr Reid and Ms Kitt

Classroom Assistant: Mrs Allen and Mrs Law



### Swimming Day:

Friday

### Pottery: Ms

Kitt's Class: 3<sup>rd</sup>-

17<sup>th</sup> October

Mr Reid's Class:

14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

November

Cost: £2.00 per week

### World Around Us

Our current theme is Animals. Pupils will be learning about the characteristics of living things, vertebrate groups, animal habitats and animal behavior. They will be using the Carnival of the Animals composition in music and The Lion King script in drama. Art involves sketching animals using various mediums and paper, examining the surrealist art movement and creating fantasy animals in small groups.

### Home Learning:

For most children, homework will be given out on a Monday for two nights and due in on Wednesdays. Then it will be given out on a Wednesday - due on Fridays. Please ensure pupils use the checklist and all tasks are signed.

**PE:** Our day for PE is a Friday for swimming, remember come to school wearing the new school PE kit or navy bottoms and the blue airtex t-shirt.

### To bring to school each day:

Please remember folder, reading books, pencil case, small bottle of water, tissues and a healthy break and lunch!

### House System

Each child has been allocated a house last year, this remains the same. There will be monthly awards for the winning house! Points are awarded for behaviour, work, effort, following class rules etc.