



Primary 5 Newsletter



LITERACY

Reading - This term, we are reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The children have been reading aloud in class as often as possible and we are continuing to work on our fluency, expression and pace. We have been focussing on skimming and scanning for key information, visualising, connecting and determining importance. We would encourage all children to read aloud at home whenever possible.

Writing - We have recently introduced our new Talk for Writing focus which is suspense. The pupils have been learning the story 'Zelda Claw and the Raincat' and have created story maps showing the sequence of the story. We have made links to drama and have acted our stories out and hot seated key characters. We will be applying our learning to our own extended pieces of writing.

Talking and Listening - This term, pupils will be creating their own solo talk on a subject of their choice. They will then deliver this to the class and we will be looking for key aspects such as; relevant information, props, eye contact and use of voice.

NUMERACY

Number - We have recently completed multiplication and division topics however, we would still encourage regular practise of table facts at home (see links below). This term, our focus will be on fractions, decimals and percentages.

In number talks sessions, we have now covered; counting on, reordering, partitioning, making tens and doubles and near doubles. We are now moving onto friendly numbers and compensation.

Beyond Number - We are currently working on a data handling topic. The pupils have already been introduced to pictograms and bar charts. We will also be covering line graphs and pie charts.

Next Steps: In the lead up to Easter, we will be covering number properties and expressions and equations. In beyond number sessions, we will be investigating digital and analogue time. You can support your child at home by encouraging them to complete weekly Sumdog sessions for a minimum of 20 minutes.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

P.E - We are currently working on our passing and receiving skills which are then being applied during weekly netball lessons.

Could you please ensure that children have a full gym kit on the appropriate days.

TOPIC

In the lead up to Christmas, we completed a mini topic on Natural Disasters. We compared Scotland with countries around the world and examined why certain natural disasters occur in these areas.

This term, we have started Mary Queen of Scots and are examining her importance in Scottish History including; her family tree, her reign as Queen and the timeline of events during this period in history.

USEFUL TIPS & WEBSITES

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/>

<https://www.sumdog.com/>

Our gym days are; Room 11 - Tuesday and Wednesday, Room 12 - Monday and Wednesday.

Homework is issued on a Monday and expected days for return can be found in your child's homework diary.