



Pitfour School

Primary 5/6 Newsletter



Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had an enjoyable October break and are looking forward to another term of learning and exploring together!

We have just 8 short weeks together this term, so it will be jam packed full of activities!

Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on fractions and percentages, and using our fraction wall to help us learn about equivalent fractions.

We are continuing with our mental math sessions and combining these with regular number talks. During these sessions, the children will be discussing the strategies they use to help them solve math problems, helping them to become familiar with different solutions and developing their mathematical vocabulary.

Literacy

We will be putting our vocabulary skills we developed last term to good use through exploring descriptive vocabulary. We will be learning to use adjectives and adverbs to help make our stories and the characters we create really come alive on the page!

Our Active Literacy groups will continue this term, with a focus on group and paired reading, comprehension, spelling and literacy skills.

HWB

We will be focusing on Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. The skills and attitudes we will be learning about are: planning for choices and changes; emotion, physical, social and mental wellbeing; relationships; food and health.

Our Class Topic

We will be continuing our exploration of Africa, as well as other mini-topics such as Remembrance Day and Christmas.

RME

We will be learning about the customs and traditions of Judaism, and looking at the upcoming celebration of Hanukkah.

PE

As last term, PE will take place every Tuesday with Mrs Gray, and Thursday with Mrs Rankine. Please ensure that your little one brings shorts and a t-shirt on these days.

Visiting Specialists

We are lucky to have a number of visiting specialist again with us this term. Mr Ralph will be teaching expressive arts on Mondays, and on Thursdays, Science will be with Mrs Rankine and music will be with Mr Park.

Homework

All homework will be handed out on a Monday. Children will receive maths, spelling and reading homework, and sometimes will need to complete activities related to our topics.

All homework will be a way for our class to consolidate their learning for that week, and is will be **due on a Friday**. All instructions for completing homework will be included with the tasks. Please ensure that homework is signed every week.

Monday	Homework handed out; Netball Club
Tuesday	PE kit
Thursday	PE kit; spelling test
Friday	Homework due in

Once again, if you have any questions during the term at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school office in order to make an appointment with me. Alternatively, you could write me a note in your child's homework diary, and I will answer as soon as possible. My door is always open.

I look forward to working together with parents, guardians and children to help us have a successful second term!

Miss Nikita Otto