



# Pitfour School

## Primary 5/6 Newsletter

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Hello everyone! My name is Miss Otto, and I am so pleased to welcome you all to P5/6. I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer holiday (and enjoyed the extra week!) and are ready for a year that will be filled with challenges, learning and discovery that will help us to become successful, confident, contributing and responsible individuals.

In this newsletter you will find the different areas of learning that we will be covering together in the first term of this new school year:

### **Numeracy**

We will be focusing on time and extending our prior knowledge to use 12 and 24-hour notations to help us convert units of time. We will also be using our knowledge of time to read and use timetables and calendars, and solve problems related to this.

In mental maths, we will be looking at the number facts that help us to be mentally agile when solving problems. We will be developing strategies that help us to understand how to apply what we have learnt to other areas of maths.

### **Literacy**

We will be starting off this term with a focus on vocabulary. In the first week, we created our own class thesaurus to help us upcycle our vocabulary of commonly used words. We will be using this thesaurus and our developing skills to challenge our use of vocabulary, particularly in creative writing lessons.

We will be following the Active Literacy programme for spelling and reading throughout the year. We will be using our spelling words within other areas of language to know not only how to spell them but to understand how we use them. We will also be using Bloom's Taxonomy to help us develop "literacy super powers", which is our ability to better remember, understand, apply, analyse, evaluate and create text. We will be focusing on reading with expression, using the punctuation in the text to guide this.

### **HWB**

We will be learning about Growth Mindset this term by following the story of Mojo and through our class reader, Wonder. We will be learning about and developing our own strategies to help us have more resilience, to challenge ourselves even when we feel something may be hard for us, and to see that effort and hard work help us to progress in our learning.

What doesn't challenge you doesn't change you.

## **Our Class Topic**

This term we will be discovering the secrets of Africa! Being such a big continent, we will be exploring themes of Africa across the curriculum. We will be using our knowledge of the UN Convention of Rights of the Child to explore areas of Global Sustainability and Citizenship, and will be exploring African art, dance, customs, food and so much more!

## **RME**

This term we will be learning about Buddhism. Together we will be researching into Buddhist traditions, practices and key celebrations such as Bodhi Day. We will be exploring different areas of the curriculum such as art and drama to help our understanding of Buddhism too.

## **PE**

This term, PE will take place every Tuesday with Mrs Gray, and Thursday with Mrs Rankine. Please ensure that your child brings shorts and a t-shirt on these days. For those children in P6, you will be starting Bikeability on 18<sup>th</sup> September until 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember to bring your bikes along to be checked on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Visiting Specialists**

We will have a number of specialist teachers helping us with our learning this term. Mr Ralph will be teaching expressive arts on Mondays; Science will be with Mrs Rankine on Tuesdays; and we will have French with Mrs O'Sullivan- Lynch on Wednesdays.

## **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.

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 do my best to 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 first term!

Miss Nikita Otto

Dear parent guardian,

After spending some time getting to know your child in the first week, I would very much like to hear from the people in their lives who know them the best. I would like to know what you think I should know about your child in order to provide a supportive learning environment for them, one that will help them in their learning journey.

If you could be so kind to send me a few words regarding this, it would be most appreciated.

Many thanks,

Miss Nikita Otto

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