



# Primary 4/5 Newsletter: Term 2

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Welcome to our termly 'Class Newsletter' which aims to give you a little more information about what your child will be doing this term.

Welcome	Homework	This term we aim to...
<p>Hello everyone and welcome back for Term 2. I hope you've all enjoyed the October break and are ready for the exciting time ahead. Term 2 is set to be a busy one!</p> <p>During week one, the children have been involved in a collaborative learning project with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Children work in their collaborative groups with others across the school. This year, the children were learning about different emotions; how to deal with them and how to support others too. There was some drama, lots of discussion and creativity involved. Throughout the week, we all noticed the children really coming together and working well in their teams with everyone being involved and contributing to the group effort. This is something the children have missed out on over the past couple of years.</p> <p>Our class jobs and shop are also up and running. The children are paid a small wage each week (in plastic money!) which they can spend on items in our class shop. They're learning about saving and calculating change.</p>	<p>Homework jotters have been updated with this term's words. Please encourage your child to practise their spelling words for a short time each day; it's been proven that doing so 3 days in a row can help consolidate learning, making it permanent. Written homework should be submitted weekly to the relevant assignment in Google Classroom.</p> <p>Group Readers have been issued and there will be weekly reading to be heard at home for Wednesdays and Fridays. A note of the reading will be made in homework diaries every Monday. Children will have a weekly opportunity to visit the library and choose a book which they are welcome to take home to enjoy.</p> <p>Maths homework will be issued fortnightly via Google Classroom and is based on the mental maths programme we are following in class. The aim of this is to revisit different maths topics regularly and identify, through regular assessment in school, any areas for development. Thank you for your support with this.</p>	<p>We are going to be rather busy this term with our show practice, singing and various Christmas events! However, we are planning to do a science topic with a focus on chemistry – we'll be looking at some chemical reactions, filtration and we've begun by learning about the water cycle.</p> <p>In maths this term we are going to be doing weekly mental tasks which will cover a range of mathematical topics. We are also covering fractions and will look at identifying them as equal parts of shapes, everyday items and quantities. The children will learn to record them using the correct notation. Primary 5 pupils will begin to look at mixed numbers and improper fractions as well as simple decimal and percentage representations. Topic maths will be about measure this term, including length, height, width, mass, and volume. We will be learning how to measure accurately, including using fractions and decimals.</p> <p>Primary 4 pupils on Active Literacy have commenced the stage 4/5 phonics into spelling programme. The format for this is slightly different in that the children will learn various representations of a single phoneme (sound) for 2 weeks, followed by 2 weeks of common words. Primary 5 pupils continue with the Stage 4/5 programme. Pupils engaged with Nussy continue to progress through the programme and should engage regularly with the online materials at</p>

**Mrs Johnston /Mrs Robertson**

	Spelling	RMPS/ hand writing	Health and Wellbeing
Mon	*		
Tues			
Wed		*	
Thurs			*
Fri			

**Timetable**

	P.E	Spelling H / W	Mrs Thomson
Mon		*	
Tues			
Wed			
Thurs	*		*(alternate weeks)
Fri			*

**Please note that children will have daily physical exercise in addition to their weekly taught PE session which, this term, is focused on ball skills.**

home whenever possible.

Our weekly extended writing will continue with a range of different tasks throughout the term. We're starting off with a comic strip to tell the story of the water cycle through a water droplet character of their own creation. We'll be enjoying some seasonal writing as we near the festive period too.

PE

As far as possible, PE will remain outdoors as we continue with our ball skills unit. The children have been loving the skills work in this unit, particularly the opportunity to practise different passes and team skills during games of bench ball.

French –

French will continue with a bit of a seasonal focus this term. To begin with, we are revising numbers to 20 and will begin to practise writing some basic vocabulary. We're going to be learning to ask "how many?" of different classroom items. Please also remember the [Northern Alliance Family Learning](#) site which has a huge variety of different activities in Gaelic, French and German! It could be a great opportunity over the winter months to learn together as a family at home.

It was lovely to see you all at the parents' night back in October, particularly those of you who were able to visit in person. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school again soon.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch at any time should you have any queries. You can contact me directly at [gw17mckerrowsarah@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw17mckerrowsarah@glow.sch.uk). Please remember that urgent enquiries should be directed to the school office.

Best Regards,  
Mrs McKerrow and Mrs Thomson.