



Primary 5/6 Newsletter

Term 3.

Miss Tait

Dear parent/carer,

Welcome back I hope you had a great Christmas holiday! Just a reminder that if you ever have any questions or wish to speak to me please do not hesitate to get in contact through home/school book or phone.



Literacy

The children in P5/6 have the opportunity to listen and discuss aspects of their work with members of the class regularly, through group work and topic. As a class, children will read the novel 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio, this term. This linked to our health and well being topic.

In reading, children will undertake short Guided Reading sessions in groups along with comprehension and independent activities. Children will have reading homework to complete at home; this is crucial as we revise the pages read at home before beginning new sections of the book in class.

Our library session will be on a Thursday this term. I will be having weekly discussions with the children about their library book to encourage them to read novels/books of choice. It is important that the children get the opportunity to select books of their own choice and interests. Please support this choice by reading the book to them or with them or leaving them to read independently – you don't have to hear them read it if they are happy to read it themselves. In addition to reading this also helps the children with their listening and talking skills.

Children will receive spelling words as part of their weekly homework which they will learn both in class and at home. On a Friday there will be a spelling test to assess learning of spelling words. Once a week children will participate in our Big Write session (often coordinated with the topic we are studying) which will allow them to develop skills in a number of areas such as diary writing, poetry writing, story writing.

Numeracy

Our numeracy focuses this term will include developing knowledge of time, through 24 hour clock, timetables and using our knowledge to work out time related problems. The children will explore fractions, decimals and percentages further and we will make connections between the topics that we have learned about so far in P5/6. The children will also look at measure, linked to time and shape from the previous term.





Topic

This term our topic is simply titled "Differences". We will explore all sorts of differences, ranging from disability awareness to cultural differences and diversity. Our main focus will be to celebrate these differences and use our class novel Wonder to explore the deeper issues surrounding "differences".

Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor learning sessions have changed this term and will be on a **Thursday afternoon** with Mrs Gauld. All children need to come prepared for any weather. We still go outside rain or shine, especially during an unpredictable winter! This includes a **waterproof jacket, sensible outdoor shoes**, gloves and a hat. The children do get messy so please allow them to have a different jacket/shoes suitable for the mud!



We will be looking for some extra helpers. This means we can go into the woods more often and take advantage of the great outdoor facilities that we have at Fyvie! Please let me know if you would be available to help on the acknowledgement slip.

Community Café

Our cafés this term will be on **26th January for Robert Burns Day and 23rd March for Easter!** Your support for café is appreciated. We will need bakers on **Thursday 25th of January and Thursday 22nd March** and café helpers on the Friday.

Please also remember that café has gone up to £1 for children and £1.50 for adults. If you are able to help on any of those dates please get in touch with me or Diane.

Core Teachers

This term Primary 5/6 will be working with Mrs McLean and Mrs Barron. Mrs McLean will be teaching **Art** on a Friday morning. be teaching a Wednesday children will have Tuesday and

Please PE kit on both

Weekly

Monday	Homework issued
Tuesday	PE
Wednesday	Assembly Technologies with Mrs Barron
Thursday	Homework handed in. Art with Mrs McLean Outdoor Learning!
Friday	PE Art with Mrs McLean

Thursday and Mrs Barron will **technologies** on afternoon. The PE with me on a Friday. **remember your days.**

Overview

Homework

Homework will be handed out on a Monday and collected in on a Thursday. It will be a variety of maths, spelling, topic related work, along with reading throughout the week. **Please remember to sign all homework once it has been completed.** This is so that I know you have seen what your child has completed and been learning.

Everyday Items/ Extra information

Please ensure your child comes to school prepared with their **home school diary**, school **reading book**, **PE kit** and **water bottle**. Also having your child's belongings labelled will be very useful for our lost property.

Many thanks for your continued support! Miss Tait 😊

OUTDOOR LEARNING VOLUNTEERS

Name of child: _____

I am available to help on the following dates:

18 th January	25 th January	1 st February	8 th February
15 th February	22 nd February	1 st March	8 th March
15 th March	22 nd March	29 th March	

Signed: _____

