

### Homework

A weekly homework overview will be issued on a Monday for the whole week and tasks will be collected on a Thursday. We are aware that kids have many other commitments out with school and feel that this will give you the opportunity to plan homework sessions as and when they suit.



### Numeracy



Pupils will begin this term through exploring position and movement, place value and estimation. We will cover all aspects of maths throughout the year. Pupils will get the opportunity to participate in daily mental maths to improve speed and accuracy. Big Maths daily CLIC sessions develop pupils' numeracy skills through a progressive programme of: C - Counting, L - Learn Its, I - Its Nothing New and C - Calculations. Pupils will be given some 'Learn It's' to practise quick recall of calculations at home.

In P4/5 we will strive for all learners to reach their potential. Please encourage your child to try their very best in class by working independently, taking responsibility for their learning and taking pride in their work.

We are always happy to explain things again to ensure that individuals are confident and secure in their learning so please encourage your child to ask for help if they are unsure of anything.

I hope this letter has clarified any questions you have! We operate an open door policy in school so if there are any other queries please get in touch, I am available most days after school.

Thank you and I look forward to a fantastic year.

Miss McKay

Hello and welcome to Primary 4/5! We are glad to have you all back and hope you are looking forward to a busy year ahead! This booklet will give an idea of what and how we will be learning in P4/5.

## Primary 4-5 with Miss McKay

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Pupils will have access to our P3L Glow page where they are able to access information, weblinks and games to support their learning, some extra homework challenges and a newsfeed for them to chat with others in their class about their learning.

Our class site will also give parents a chance to see what we have been learning in class through photos and videos. Along with this, information on teaching methods and strategies used in class will be provided for parents to help support pupils at home.

Glow log-in details will be given out in homework diaries. Please encourage your child to log-on and make use of this forum.



## Literacy

**Writing** - Our whole class writing will take place on a Wednesday morning with planning and discussion taking place each Tuesday afternoon. Throughout the year we will be working on a range of genres which are usually covered by linking them to the IDL work carried out in class. This will ensure children are continuing to make progress in a variety of skills as well as revisiting skills which need further development.

**Reading** - In P4 and P5 the North Lanarkshire Literacy Programme enables children to explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts during the course of the session Children will be given opportunities to work on active comprehension and written tasks to develop their questioning and gain a deeper understanding of the text. We will also be developing other Literacy skills through our topic work and research challenges both in class and at home.

**Spelling/Phonics** - We follow the North Lanark Active Literacy guidelines when teaching phonics and spelling. This involves visiting a 'sound' over 2 weeks and learning the different phonemes which makes that sound. They are then given tricky word list and will focus on this for two weeks, getting the opportunity to learn and explore different spelling strategies.

**Listening and Talking** - Pupils will develop their listening and talking skills in context, throughout their learning across the curriculum. We will also have a big focus on listening and talking during Scottish fortnight where poems will be learned and performed in Scots language. Along with this, pupils will be asked to prepare a class talk about their learning following both their history and RME topics in terms 3 and 4.



## Interdisciplinary Learning



Pupils in Primary4/5 will get the opportunity to work as a class and also across their stage. Our IDL learning this year will cover:

Term 1	Term 2
Inclusion and Health Travelling Green/Street Sense Harvest for P4 and Natural Disasters for P5	Book Study Finance fortnight Personal Choice Topic Christmas
Term 3	Term 4
Scottish fortnight Jacobites Local Community for P4 and Easter for P5.	P4 My body and P5 Water RME - Celebrations Expressive Arts Fortnight

Pupils will also be given the opportunity to work across their stage when participating in PE, French, HWB and during pupils choice time.

### Physical Education

Pupils have two PE sessions per week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Pupils can store their PE kits in class to ensure they have their kit available and it can be taken home each term to be washed.

For the next 6 weeks P4 pupils will be joining up on a Wednesday afternoon to take part in football coaching lead by Ayr United. After the Christmas holiday P5 will attend Troon Swimming Pool once a week - days still to be confirmed.

**RME:** Primary 4 will be responsible for the annual Harvest Festival assembly. We will promote the change of season by helping Struthers with the food bank collection and we will perform a range of songs to celebrate the Harvest time of year.

P5 will be responsible for the annual Easter service and will celebrate the occasion by telling the story performing alongside P6 at the church service.