

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer break. Primary 5/4 are settling well as a class and are becoming familiar with our daily routines.

Literacy

As a school, we are introducing the Active Literacy programme, with a particular focus on reading and spelling. The class will be developing reading strategies such as using prior knowledge, metalinguistics, visualisation, inference, identifying the main ideas and summarising. Spelling strategies will focus on recognising the sounds and syllables in words, as well as methods for remembering the spelling of words that are exceptions to general rules.

In writing, we will revise 'Tools for Writing' and the importance of including ambitious vocabulary, punctuation, openers and connectives. We will introduce new words using Word Aware to broaden pupils' vocabulary.

Maths and Numeracy

In the classroom, children have access to concrete materials and a number of other resources to develop their understanding of different concepts. At home, children's learning can be supported by practising telling the time and reading timetables. Pupils should regularly practise times tables to build confidence.

The class will take part in 'Number Talks' at the beginning of maths and numeracy lessons to develop their mental maths skills. We will revise strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

P.E and Outdoor Learning

Our P.E days will be Tuesdays (outdoors) and Wednesdays (indoors). Mrs Saeed will take the class for P.E on Tuesdays. On P.E days, pupils should come to school wearing suitable shoes, dark-coloured bottoms, a white T-shirt or polo shirt and their school sweatshirt or cardigan. For safety reasons, please ensure that your child does not wear jewellery and that long hair is tied back.

Throughout the year, we will take part in outdoor learning sessions. If possible, please send your child to school in appropriate clothing for being outdoors that day, for example, sturdy shoes and a waterproof jacket. We have some spare clothing in school if required.

Homework

Your child should have brought home their new Seesaw codes but please get in touch if there are any issues. Homework tasks will be added to your child's Seesaw 'Activities' section every Monday starting from 31st August 2026. Pupils can complete the work digitally but will also be given a homework jotter.

Pupils can submit their homework on Seesaw, such as by posting photos of written work, or can return their jotter at the end of the week.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Pollock