

# Mauricewood Primary School

## Primary 5L Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to a new term at Mauricewood. We hope you have all had a lovely break over the holidays. The children have come back to school full of energy and ready to learn. We are looking forward to a busy term ahead and can't wait to share our learning with you on Seesaw!



### Literacy

This term we will be working on our novel study *Danny the Champion of the World*. Using this text and a variety of others linked across the curriculum we will explore questions, characterisation and writer's style. In writing, we will be working on suspense stories through Talk 4 Writing, as well as diary entries, poetry and reports. Children will also be given a personal talk to complete as homework, more information to come.

### Numeracy

Again, each week we will work with different strategies for addition and subtraction, number sequences and multiplication and division. We are continuing to practise our times tables regularly and would encourage children to practise them at home whenever they can. We will be looking at fractions, decimals and finishing off some work with angles and position & movement. Our maths topic this term is Time.

### Learning in other areas of the curriculum.

We have just finished our Titanic topic where we worked with primary and secondary sources, using them to compare life in Edwardian times and create time lines. This term, our topic is Ecosystems where we will cover the water cycle, biodiversity and adaptations. We will finish with a Rainforest case study. For art we will be looking at observational drawings. Drama will be linked to our novel study, working with activities such as hot seating and short role plays. In French we will be focusing on weather, pets, family and birthdays.

### Health & Wellbeing

We continue to have regular class circle times to develop our social and emotional strategies and wellbeing.

We will be looking at Substance Misuse and starting our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) block. An information session was held for parents at the start of December to outline this work. We continue to work with and encourage using growth mindsets in class.

### Other Information

PE days are -  
P5B Wednesdays and Thursdays  
P5L Mondays and Thursdays  
Children should wear PE kit on both days.  
Please ensure that children come to school every day with a bottle of water.  
We also ask that children do not bring in any toys to school.  
Homework continues to be set in the Google Classroom each week.

Thank you for your continuing support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to give us a call!