



It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school and into their new classrooms after the summer holidays. It has been wonderful to see the children settle back into the school routines. What a busy few weeks we have already had and we look forward to having a fun and productive year here in Primary 4/5.

### Literacy

As the children may have told you, we have started this term with our novel study 'Danny the Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl. We are exploring characters, setting, writer's style and identifying main points of the story. All children have been given a reading group book with weekly homework. We have started a narrative writing block, looking at wishing tales. Later this term we will also work on persuasive writing linked to our healthy eating topic. We are enjoying working in talk partners to discuss and investigate a variety of texts, both written and digital.

### Numeracy

In numeracy we have started with a block focussing on place value. Children are working through several focuses in place value such as describing the value of each digit, ordering numbers starting from any number, locating numbers on a number line and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Each week children will complete Daily 5 activities, mental maths and a variety of games to keep all of their other numeracy skills and strategies going. In maths we will be investigating and working with a range of 2D and 3D shapes, using our knowledge to create tessellations and other patterns.

### Learning in other areas of the curriculum.

As a school we have been exploring the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We are now creating our Class Charter which will be shared on Seesaw when complete. In Social Subjects we will look at Fairtrade and ethical trading, looking at how countries around the world meet basic needs. In Modern Languages we have been revising classroom language, numbers and colours. We are also learning the alphabet and how to spell out name. Later in this term we will also be learning some Spanish through our topic of Day of the Dead, a Mexican celebrations.

### Health & Wellbeing

Our topic this term is What's for Tea? We will look carefully at food groups, nutritional requirements throughout life, food labelling and media influences. Children will complete this topic by designing their own new food product!

We continue to develop our understanding of Growth Mindset and Zones of Regulation in the classroom and how these can enhance our learning and wellbeing.

In PE children we have started a block of ball skills, working specifically to learn the skills and techniques of basketball.

### Other Information

This term PE will be on a Wednesday.

Homework is given out every Monday and due in on the Friday of that week. Every month children will be given the opportunity to bring their Chromebook home to complete a homework task - more information to follow.

Weekly spelling lists and a selection of maths games can now also be found in the Google Classroom should children wish to practise them further at home.

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