

Class Activities This Term

Visiting Specialists

Mrs Watson - Art- Monday

Mr Reid - Technology - Tuesday

Mr Kostadinov - PE - Thursday

Pupils will also have PE with Mrs Girvan every Tuesday.

Homework

Reading - Each week, reading will be sent home for the pupils to engage with. If you can help encourage daily reading and prompt your child to ask questions about the text and summarise their reading it will be beneficial for their progress. Please also ensure reading folders are brought into school each day as we will be using these in class.

Maths- Children will have access to Sumdog online to develop Maths skills.

Spelling - Each Tuesday, P5 will be given new spelling words to practice for a revision each Friday. In order to minimise the amount of paper going from home to school, the pupils' spelling lists for the term will be in their reading folders, along with suggested activities to help practice spelling at home. Ideally, spelling words should be practiced at least twice a week.

A note from Mrs Girvan

I am new to Alyth Primary School and I am looking forward to meeting you all over the coming year. I am excited to get to know all the pupils in Primary 5 better and continue our learning journey!



Our Learning

Primary 5 - Term 1

Mrs Girvan

Welcome back to a new school year!

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our context for learning this term is 'Myths and Legends'. Primarily we will be using various myths and legends to inspire our literacy work - through creative writing, comprehension and discussion. However it will also inspire our work in art, drama, music and health and wellbeing. We will consider the difference between myths and legends, how and why they are created and passed down, and what their importance is today.

Our exploration of Myths and Legends will also lead us to use maps, atlases and the internet to understand their local and global significance; from Loch Ness to Greece and beyond.

Numeracy

In P5, our first focus this term is to consolidate our number knowledge, with particular emphasis on place value, ordering and number processes including both mental and written addition and subtraction strategies and multiplication and division. We will continue to practice our times tables, and extend the range of numbers with which we can work with. On Mondays, P5 will be focussing on negative numbers with Miss McLaren.

Expressive Arts

In Art and Design we are studying the visual elements and concepts, beginning with line. We shall be looking at mark-making, continuous line, cross-hatching, layering, expressive line, natural form, and observation drawing. Through these we shall create and present work which shows progression of skills. This term, we will also be doing Drama once a week. Our focus to begin with will be on role play; experimenting with movement, expression and voice.

Health and Wellbeing

In PE, Mr Kostadinov will be working with Primary 5 to improve their ball skills while Mrs Girvan will be focussing on physical fitness; developing stamina and speed. In class, our first priority is to create positive relationships within the classroom. We will also focus on our personal, social and mental wellbeing, ensuring we have the vocabulary to discuss our feelings and awareness of strategies to help. We will continue to develop a growth mindset by reflecting on our learning and discussing achievements and targets regularly. In addition to this, Miss McLaren will be covering food health with the pupils.

Literacy

Through our Myths and Legends topic, we will be learning about tools for descriptive writing including simile, metaphor and imagery. This will develop through several creative writing sessions including designing and describing our own mythological creatures and telling the tale of an encounter with one. We will also practice report writing and writing instructions (e.g. *How to Capture a Kelpie*). We will have four literacy mornings each week; where we read in class and alternate spelling, handwriting, grammar and comprehension. In reading, we will work on our fluency and expression and practice strategies for overcoming tricky words.

Our class novel this term is *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Raúf which explores the refugee crisis from a child's perspective. Through this book we will consider themes of friendship, kindness and empathy.

Technology

In Technologies this term we will be working on creating games using the app 'Sketch Nation'. This app develops skills of creativity and problem solving, through offering huge amounts of customisation when creating their games. The children will share their creations with the class and consider the impact of feedback on the ability to improve their work, as well as learning how to adapt online images for use in their games.