



NWCC P4/5 Newsletter Term 2 2020/2021

A warm welcome back to all children—we hope you had a lovely holiday. This is your termly class newsletter with general information and details about what we will be learning this term. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Class Teacher and Acting Principal Teacher, Miss Halliday.

Inter-disciplinary Learning (IDL)

This term we will continue working our way through the Emotion Works recovery programme. This will lead us to further explore “Regulation Strategies” (things that can help us) and look at the cogs as a 5, 6 and 7 part model, introducing new cogs for everyone. Last term we used the novel “Charlotte’s Web” to help us with our Emotion Works learning and there were some amazing pieces of work completed. This term we will use the novel “When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit” to explore Emotion Works. We will also explore Emotion Works through art, drama, music and some key events across this term such as Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas.

Our novel “When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit” will support learning in our IDL context which will be “Food now and in the past”. We will be learning about the different nutritional needs our bodies have throughout our lives and explore the different food groups and what they offer us. We will then explore some of the key information regarding World War 2 and look particularly at rationing and how this impacted on people.

Later on in the term we will be learning about Christmas around the world, including the ways it is celebrated in different cultures.

Numeracy/Maths

This term we will be focussing on Time and Measure. We have started to revise key concepts such as o'clock and half past times and will be looking to develop this further to times around the clock, converting between analogue and digital and reading timetables.

In Numeracy, we will be continuing focussing on extending our understanding of the four numeracy processes. This includes addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will be learning about the different strategies to help solve problems using the four processes and they will be given opportunities to apply this in real life contexts. We will also be focussing on reading, writing and ordering numbers, from 2 digit numbers to 6 digit numbers.

Literacy

All children will have the opportunity to participate in Talking and Listening activities throughout Term 2. This will include working in small groups, being able to listen to other people’s opinions and feeding them back to the whole class. This will be done through class discussion about the school values, class rules, topic work and news sharing. As part of our “Food now and in the past” topic we will be preparing and presenting Powerpoint presentations. This will form part of our Talking and Listening assessment for this year.

Reading will continue in class with books not coming home. Comprehension activities will be linked to books for each group and there will also be standalone comprehension to further develop skills. Oxford Owl online is a great resource that you can use at home. I have created a class login for ease which is [misshallidayp4/5](#) password **Class2020**.

Children will continue to learn phonic/spelling rules. We would like children to transfer this knowledge to their writing. Another skill that we would also like them to transfer to their writing is that of using the correct grammar. Children will be learning more about different sentence structures and extending their sentences and how to apply this to their writing. Some of our writing this term will also be linked into our IDL topic. We will be looking at instructional writing, newspaper articles and diary writing.

Homework

Homework will not be given as normal this term in order to limit the number of items going back and forward between home and school. Each week spelling words will be posted on Class Dojo Story. Please have a look at these and encourage children to learn them as best you can. There will be the opportunity for some IDL research homework activities throughout the term.

All children should have brought home a pack of maths games and times table cards. Please continue using these at home. I will also be setting maths homework on Sumdog this term.



Late-comers

If your child is late for school please take them to the school reception where they can make their own way to class. First thing in the morning is a very busy time for teachers - if you need to speak to the class teacher, please make an appointment at the office.

School Dinners

Orders for school dinners are being taken on Fridays for the following week. As pupils are now in Primary 4 not all pupils are automatically entitled to free school meals. If your child needs to pay for school dinners, please ensure money is inserted into the school meal envelopes which can be collected from your class teacher. School meals cost £1.90 per day.



Snack

The children have snack in class after their morning playtime. Please send your child with only one snack and try to encourage your child to choose a healthy snack. Children will be rewarded with a Dojo point if they choose a healthy snack. All children should take their water bottles home daily to be washed and re-filled. They can access their water bottle at any time of the day. Children should only be drinking water in class, please ensure they do not come to school with juice to drink during class time.

Clothing

Please ensure all clothes are labelled—jumpers, polo shirts, gym clothes, gym shoes, jackets. This will help if your child misplaces an item of clothing. Our school uniform consists of black trousers/skirt, a white polo shirt/blouse or a black pinafore. Summer dresses and shorts are only allowed in Term 4 (after the Easter holidays).

P.E.

Your child will have 2 P.E. sessions each week. They will both be outdoors (unless the weather is extreme). Our PE days this term will be a Tuesday and a Wednesday. PE kit should consist of a plain white top and black shorts or jogging bottoms. Children will be asked to wear jackets if the weather is cold.

Class Dojo

Most parents have signed up to Class dojo and are enjoying the benefits of seeing how well their child is doing at school as well as the regular information shared through the Class Story. It also gives parents the option to message the teacher directly.

Weekly Awards

Each week the school will focus on one of the NWCC school values i.e. *Responsibility, Unity, Growth or Success*. The class teacher will award two certificates at Assembly every week—one based on the focus school value and the other will be a star pupil award.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 01387 245106.

Staffing

P4/5—Miss Halliday, Mrs Love (Tues am), Mrs McCutcheon (Weds pm)

Acting DHT—Miss Henry