

P5M Term 2 Newsletter

Hello! This your newsletter for all the important information you will require for term 2.

P5M have got off to great start in term 1 and I am very much looking forward to continuing term 2 with the class.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of all important information you will need for this term. However, if there is anything else you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Microsoft Teams & Seesaw

As you are aware, at Elrick, each class has a Microsoft Teams page, which will be used to share learning and information, including homework. To access the Teams page, you will need to log in with your Glow login details. If you have forgotten or misplaced these details, please just let me know and I can retrieve these details or reset passwords very easily.

Once logged in, you will see channels along the left hand side of the page. Click on the Homework channel to see the homework, which is uploaded weekly. There is also a General channel, where you will see announcements and uploads; this is also where you can post any questions you have.

Each child also has their own Seesaw account where they can upload various learning activities they are proud of. This is also a useful tool for communication between myself and parents, so please feel free to message me through the messaging function on Seesaw with any private questions.

Homework & Library

- Homework will be issued on a Wednesday to be completed by Monday. Homework will be uploaded onto the Homework channel on Microsoft Teams, with answers being uploaded shortly thereafter. **I recommend that parents assess homework with children if possible.**
- Unfortunately, we are still unable to welcome parent volunteers into school, so there will be no library for the class to visit at this time. But, children are welcome to bring their own books into class for personal reading times.

Outdoors

As we approach winter this year, I can't stress enough the importance of having the right outdoor clothing. Children will be outdoors and on the field in all weathers, therefore it is important that they can access our outdoor area safely. Children are welcome to keep spare shoes and socks in school and they should have a jacket every day.

Please check weather forecasts and make a judgement if you feel extras like hats, scarves or waterproof trousers are required.

Below, you will find some guidance as to the topics of learning that the class will cover this term as well as some tips for working at home.

Literacy

- Reading – P5 will read books in class with myself and complete a range of follow-up activities also. Books may come home from time to time to allow the children to read with a parent. We will be focussing on developing our expression and recognition of punctuation in these books.
- Writing – the writing focus for this term will be narrative and imaginative stories, focusing on sentence structure, openers and connectives.

Tips for at home

- Ask your child about their spelling focus for this week and ask them how many ways they can make that sound with some examples.
- Read novels at home and ask your child to read out loud and monitor their expression and recognition of punctuation.
- Encourage children to access various texts at home (this could be books, magazines, recipe books, news broadcasts) and ask them questions related to that text

Numeracy

In numeracy and maths this term, the class will be developing their knowledge of 2D shapes and 3D objects.

With 2D shapes they will be looking at the various properties in 2D shapes to help them differentiate the types of triangles and quadrilateral shapes and learning about the features of a circle like the diameter and radius.

When learning about 3D objects, the class will focus on broadening the language they use when discussing 3D objects like vertices and faces as well as closely examining the nets of 3D objects to see how they are constructed.

The class will also continue to work on mental and written strategies for the main four operations of mathematics; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Tips for at home

- [Topmarks](#) is an excellent online tool that is used throughout the school to engage learners in various areas of maths. Maths Frame also has some free games that children can play if they have time on an electronic device
- Look for various shapes in the environment and discuss the types of shape they are and encourage the children to be more specific. For example what type of triangle is that? What types of angles does that shape have? etc. (Road signs are a great source of reference and also provide a good conversation piece regarding the types of shape and what they mean in road signs eg, triangles = warnings.)

Health and Wellbeing and Other Curricular Areas

Health & Wellbeing – the class will continue to work on their empathy and ability to form relationships with others this term. Themes we will cover will include anti-bullying, tolerance of other people's beliefs and religions and continuing to focus on school values

Art – Mrs Skene will work with the children as they explore different materials and art resources

Music – the children will be practising their singing as we prepare for our Christmas performance later this term

PE – the class will be working on developing their basketball skills this term, building up to playing some competitive games towards the end of term

If there is ever anything you wish to discuss further, I am always open to any questions and conversations so please don't hesitate. Your child's development is always of the highest importance to me.

Thank you for all of your support thus far and I look forward to continue working with all of you!

Mr MacKenzie