



Danestone Primary School

P5 Class News – October 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to our second term in Danestone! I hope everyone has had a restful holiday. It has been wonderful hearing about what P5 has been up to over the blustery two weeks of the October break!

What will we be learning this term?

Literacy

We will continue our approach to grouped reading with a focus on challenging our vocabulary and reading skills in fluency, pace and expression. Alongside our 6 comprehension skills, we will also be enhancing our reading responses through a P.E.E. approach (Point, Evidence, Explanation) to help justify our answers. Alongside this we will also continue our class novel study with *Wonder*, finishing it towards the end of the term with media studies in regards to scenes from the film adaptation. In writing, we will explore key features in persuasive writing and speech along with creative plot structures.

Numeracy

Our two main focuses for this term's maths will be data management and the link between fractions, decimals and percentages. In exploring these areas, we will link them to help display data across the curriculum, for example, in our scientific contexts to record results. We will also practise our mental recall through number talks and mental maths sessions in the classroom.

Health and Wellbeing

This term's health and well-being focus will revolve around "healthy" and "achieving". We will have learning blocks on understanding how to maintain a healthy diet and ensuring we have a growth mindset when learning new things. These areas will be linked to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and will also involve the emotion works system which will be linked throughout our curriculum.

Context

Our context this term will be all about “Super S.T.E.M.”. The class have decided that they would like to explore buoyancy, electricity, light and friction as part of their big questions for this term.

P.E. this term will be on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Where possible, these will take place outside so please ensure your child comes dressed with appropriate footwear and a coat for chilly weather, particularly as Winter is coming!

Please also take a moment to ensure all school clothes (Jumpers, jackets etc.) are labelled to prevent them from being lost/misplaced.

Primary 5 will continue to share their learning on:

- The school’s class blog
(<https://sites.google.com/ab-ed.org/danestone-school/pupils/class-blogs/p5-mr-farquhar>)
- Twitter
(@MrFarquhar2)
- Seesaw.

As always, please feel free to contact the school at DanestoneSchool@aberdeencity.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Please note: Homework will continue to be set on **Tuesday** with the expectation that it is returned on **Monday**. Though this means that those who prefer to do their homework over the weekend now can, please understand that there is no expectation to do so during non-school days.

Thank you,
Mr. Farquhar