I know you all have many talents and skills and some of you may be shy about letting us know of them, so you'll be glad to know the children are keen to let us know of them for you! I am really keen to provide the children with rich learning opportunities and with your help and expertise I believe we can do this together.

Please get in touch if you'd like to work with us. This could be by way of:

- Helping to organise and prepare resources
- Joining us on a school trip
- Working with a small group in class during a lesson
- Sharing your talent, skill or experience with us

Class Behaviour Expectations

As we discussed behaviour as a class and created expectations for the classroom at the beginning of the school year we will continue with this

Our classroom is our learning environment and as such we expect everyone to respect our learning space, help keep it tidy and welcoming for all of us. We have created a set of expectations and rules as well as a job list for us to stick to.

We continue to use our behaviour chart and I will continue to send home positive praise cards and certificates with the children .

Dates for your diary

- Book Week Scotland 18th November
- BOATS session 14th November
- Christmas Party 18th December
- Last day of term 20th December

Bring Our Adults To School

P5T welcome our parents to school on Thursday 14th November at 2.30pm

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Primary 5T Newsletter 2 November/December 2019

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Welcome to the second newsletter of the year!

What a busy term we have had so far.

Our animal topic is well under way and the children are engaged in learning about animal habitats around the world.

The children are thoroughly enjoying the practical side of our electricity topic. They have learnt about electrical safety. They have been making circuits and testing whether materials are conductors or insulators.

In literacy we have been focusing on developing skills in understanding words, finding information and identifying the main idea within texts. In our writing we are extending our vocabulary, encouraging the use of descriptive language, using correct punctuation and sentence construction.

In numeracy we are working within the five domains allowing the children to develop their skills in each area. Our data handling topic has been connected to real life context.

Class housekeeping

- P.E. will take place on Monday and Thursday. Please remember to send your child with their P.E. kit, they can leave their kit in school and we will send it home at the end of each term for washing.
- Waterproof Jackets—please remember to send your child with a waterproof jacket so that they can access the outdoor learning environment in all weathers.
- Finally, please remember to label your child's belongings.
 Identical jumpers are tricky to match if they're not named!

So, what's happening this term?

We will be continuing with

- Animals and their habitats
- Energy
- Data Handling

Homework

Homework has been sent home from the 2nd September. While we understand that family life can be hectic we do appreciate your efforts to complete the homework tasks set and sent home. All homework is intended to reinforce learning that has taken place in class.

All homework will be set on a Wednesday and due to be returned to school completed by the following Tuesday.

Your child has be issued with a reading book and reading record book. Please take time to listen to your child read as often as possible and sign the reading record book. Your child will also have spelling words to practise and learn. They will be tested every Wednesday.

If you feel you need any advice, support or resources in order to help your child with their homework, please let me know.

Home-school contact

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me or the office. The sooner you contact us the quicker we can respond.

It I always good to keep in touch and you may find that I call you about your child for a number of reasons such as they have done something or behaved in a positive way. I aim to boost good behaviour and learning qualities in positive ways.