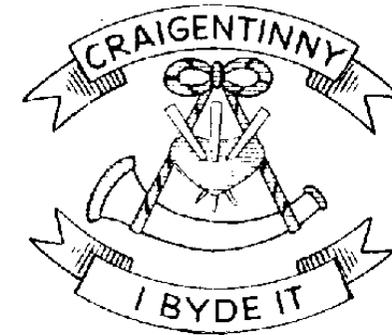


CRAIGENTINNY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Primary 5 Newsletter



Homework

Pupils will be given 2 homework walls at the beginning of term where they can choose activities from maths and literacy. Occasionally they will be asked to complete a task relating to topic work being covered in class. They will be encouraged to bring in evidence to show their learning. We will recommend useful websites and apps with the homework wall.

A family task might be sent home once a term as part of our Creating Confident Kids programme. Pupils will be given an opportunity to feedback and present their work to the class.

Reading will be done in class, however the children may have unread pages to take home.

If your child is having difficulty completing set tasks, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher before the due date.

Resources are available for the children to use or borrow to complete tasks, we encourage them to take responsibility for organising this.



How You Can Help

Pupils should be encouraged to manage their time well when doing homework, so that tasks can be spread out throughout the week. Reading a wide variety of texts at home will help develop reading skills being taught in class. Continued times tables revision will help in all areas of maths.

Pupils will need your support and input for whole family activities and may need support to find out information for class topics.

Please ensure your child brings a full gym kit to school.

Provide them with a bottle for water and healthy snack every day.



Ethos and wider life of the school

At Craigentenny Primary we work very hard to promote a caring and supportive ethos for all of our children and families. In school we focus on our six school values of honesty, equality, resilience, kindness, perseverance and respect. We encourage our pupils to think about these values in all areas of their lives. This session we will be continuing our health programme, Building Resilience and will be developing our Health and Wellbeing Curriculum. Following the information gathered by ‘People Know How’ we will be working with parents, carers and families to support our children at Craigentenny and make it the best school it can be.

Celebrating wider achievement

We like to be kept informed about experiences children are having outside of school which can be recorded in our Book of Achievement. We also run active clubs after school and would ask you to encourage your child to take part in one or two of these.

Learning and Teaching

Our whole school focus weeks this year will be Scottish Book Week in November and Health and Wellbeing Week in February. There will be Parent Showcase Events after each of the focus weeks to share the children’s learning. Following the success last year, we will be inviting you to another Family Challenge Evening in January.

Other

Please ensure your child has a P.E. kit in school every day. Also remember that school lunch choices need to be made online by Wednesday midnight the week before. We have no control over this and late orders cannot be taken.

Stephanie Dean —Head Teacher



Below is information specific to your child's class.

	<p><u>Weekly Timetable</u></p> <p>Monday HWB (Miss Murray), Homework issued Tuesday Assembly/P1 Buddies, French (Mrs Aikman) Wednesday PE (Miss Wheatly) Swimming 1.30 to 3.15 (until 15.01.20) Thursday PE (Miss Wheatley) Homework due in Friday Drama *Spanish to commence after October break.</p>
	<p><u>The Curriculum: Language</u></p> <p>Working within Curriculum for Excellence, Second Level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing will focus on a variety of genre, including poetry, instructions, news articles, letter writing, Scots language and imaginative writing. • In all areas punctuation, structure and use of vocabulary will be a focus. • Weekly spelling. • Reading activities will encourage a closer look at plot, characters, new vocabulary, summarising texts, skimming and scanning to find information, fact and opinion. • Handwriting to further develop cursive writing skills.
	<p><u>The Curriculum: Maths</u></p> <p>Working within Curriculum for Excellence, Second Level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical activities will be used to explore all areas of maths • Pupils will have opportunities for individual, paired and group work to develop skills in number sequences, decimals, fractions and percentages, money, measure, shape and information handling, time, area and perimeter • Mental maths activities to develop sound strategies • Problem solving • Opportunities to explore maths outdoors and use ICT to support • Learning
	<p><u>Topics Being Covered</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Water, Planet Earth, Materials, Forces, Electricity and Waves • Social Studies: Local Area Study, Wars of Independence, Country Comparison Study • Health and Wellbeing: Growth Mindset, Craigie Virtual Family, Road Safety, Drugs Awareness and Keeping Myself Safe • RME—Christianity and Islam • Fair Trade Fortnight <p><u>Whole School Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellbeing Week • Scottish Book Week