

**P4/5T Termly Update
Session 2017/18
Term 1**

Class News

Welcome to P4/5T! The children are settling in well after the long summer break and are working well to set and meet the expectations for the year. Our topic this term is 'Titanic' and I would be delighted to see any project related books and artefacts coming in to school. I am very much looking forward to the first term with the class before Miss Lois Thomson joins us around the October break. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries. Many thanks, Lorna Thomson

Weekly Timetable

Monday	Science with Mrs Grant, Assembly (alt weeks)
Tuesday	PE with Mrs Thomson, RME with Mrs Holland
Wednesday	Otter Clubs
Thursday	
Friday	PE with Mrs Grant, P5 – Playleader Training with Mrs Hall

This Term's Learning

Literacy and English...

We will be learning about...

Listening and Talking – developing our skills through class activities including Titanic debates.

Spelling - continue our Active Literacy spelling programme looking at common and tricky word spellings and spelling rules.

Reading – continuing our reading programme comprising of pre-reading texts, group discussion of texts and completing follow up activities.

Writing – writing a variety of factual and imaginative pieces linked to our topic whilst meeting our individual writing targets.

Handwriting – focusing on writing that is neat and consistent aiming to have writing that is fully joined.

Mathematics...

We will be learning about...

Developing our understanding of larger numbers through place value work, including comparing, ordering and rounding numbers. We will then increase our addition skills by learning new mental strategies and practising written methods of addition.

In practical maths we will look at measure within the context of Titanic.

Across the Curriculum...

We will be learning about...

Health and Wellbeing – using Circle Time to explore the SHANARRI indicators and discuss what makes us feel Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included.

Technology – we will be using the internet alongside reference materials to undertake research activities linked to our topic. We will present our research in a variety of formats.

Expressive Arts – we will use Titanic to create artwork using a range of media. We will also take part in many role play activities linked to our topic.

RME – we will be learning about Gospels and Parables.

French – we will revisit basic conversation and move on to larger numbers and weather.

Home Learning Arrangements

Homework will be handed out on Monday to be returned by Friday. Some tasks may span a number of weeks and will be indicated on a homework slip. By popular demand, a Titanic modelling task will be set later in the term!

Class Notes

Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit, including warm clothing for outdoor PE. Please ensure earrings are removed or taped and long hair is tied back on PE days. If your child wishes to have a drink during the day, please provide water in a named bottle.