

Cluny Primary School

Class Newsletter



Term Four

April to July 2026

Primary 5E

Mr Ewen

As the sun begins to appear and days stretch a little longer, we are delighted to welcome all pupils back into school for Term 4. Whenever possible, we will be doing our PE sessions outside and making use of our outside spaces to enhance learning experiences. Please ensure that your child has water to drink and is wearing appropriate sun protection when necessary. It is an exciting term ahead with lots to look forward to!

Literacy and Language

- **Reading** – Developing core reading skills of inference, visualisation, metacognition, clarifying and summarising through our class novel *'The Twits Next Door'*. Showing high-level comprehension in our guided reading groups and with discrete texts. Building pace, fluency and expression whilst reading aloud in groups. Reading for pleasure every day in class.
- **Writing** – Our first writing genre this term is *recount*. Using chronological order, past tense, time openers/connectives and high-level description. We will then move on to *explanations*, which will involve some research and note-taking to provide detailed information in our own words about a range of topics. We will also begin writing *discussions*, where we will be working on providing balanced arguments.
- **Spelling** – Weekly spelling practice of common words, phonemes and spelling rules through strategies, diacritics and sentences. Applying these in our writing.
- **Modern Languages** – Learning French vocabulary for school subjects, music and food. Developing intercultural understanding through Eurovision and World Cup events. Mandarin with Rita weekly.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 4th May – May Day – school closed to all staff and pupils
- Parents Evening – Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th May
- Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th May – Tempest Photos
- Health Week – Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June
- Sports Day (1st attempt) Wednesday 10th June
- Step up afternoon – Tuesday 16th June
- Sports Day (2nd attempt) Wednesday 24th June
- Summer Fun Day – Tuesday 30th June
- Last day of term – Thursday 2nd July

P.E. days this term:

Tuesdays and Fridays
(Mon & Fri for 3 May weeks
– see email)

Number Processes and Beyond Number

- **Money** – identifying notes/coins, money calculations, ways of paying for things, profit/loss, budgeting.
- **Measurement** – units of measure, calculations involving length, mass, volume and capacity, area and perimeter.
- **Number Properties, Patterns, Expressions and Equations** – number patterns and sequences, negative numbers, algebra and formulae.
- **Problem Solving** – word problems involving the four operations and learning from across the year.

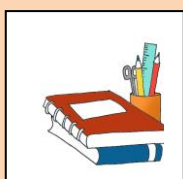
Other Curricular News

- **Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)** – Our Global World – exploring and researching weather and climates around the world, natural disasters and their impact on societies, developing our map skills and learning about our solar system and space.
- **PE** – Athletics and Health/Fitness through team and outdoor games.
- **Health and Wellbeing (HWB)** – Relationships, sexual health and parenthood (RSHP) education.
- **Technologies** – computing science (animations and coding) and digital literacy skills.
- **Music** – instruments of the orchestra, musical notation, styles of music.
- **RME** (Mrs McCallum) – Hinduism - gods, stories, festivals, place of worship.
- **Art** (Mrs McCallum) – Visual elements, line drawings and studying various artists.

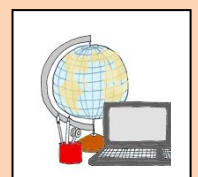
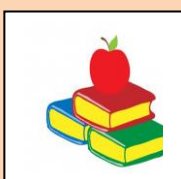
Homework

- Reading Books – set passages to be read at home and discussed – RED AND YELLOW GROUPS ONLY
- Reading for pleasure – promoting enjoyment and choice.
- Spelling – practising weekly word lists using list of strategies *or* via Sumdog (out Monday, due Friday).
- Maths – fortnightly maths task set on Sumdog linked to class learning.

Our Class Timetable for Term Four of Academic Year 2025 - 2026:



09.00 – 15.10	Events/Activities
Monday Homework Out	Spelling and Reading Maths French and HWB
Tuesday	Spelling, Writing and Grammar PE Maths and IDL
Wednesday	Spelling, Reading and Mandarin (with Rita) Maths IDL
Thursday Mrs McCallum 11.50-15.10	Spelling and Writing Maths RME and Art (Mrs McCallum)
Friday Homework Due	Spelling Tests and Reading Maths PE and Assembly or ICT



This timetable is subject to change. Thank you for ensuring personal items – bottles and clothing – are labelled.