



October 2023 - December 2023

# Welcome back for Term 2. These are some of the things we will be doing in Primary 5 this

term:



#### Numeracy and Maths

In Numeracy, we will have a focus on instant recall of times tables. Please keep practising these at home as much as you can!

We will also be focusing on mental calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and learning various strategies to help us with this. It would be great to consolidate these at home too. We will also be working with larger numbers and learning formal methods for all four of the operations.

In Maths, we will be focusing on Measure. We will be working with length, weight, capacity and area as well as looking at how and why measurement is used in everyday life. We will also be working on Money and Finance as part of Financial Education week and our class Enterprise. work.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

This term, we will be covering our science outcomes through our 'Dynamic Earth' topic. This will have us looking at living beings in our world and the different types they can be categorised into. We will also be assessing the environmental impact of humans, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of land use development. Additionally, we will be comparing Scottish culture with other countries in the world, and creating Venn diagrams to examine these similarities and differences. Lastly, we will explore ethical trading and what this means in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This term is also our time on the stage for the Primary 5 assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November; our assembly will be about Children in Need. We hope you can make it!

## <u>Literacy</u>

This term we will be reading fiction texts. We will have a big focus on tools for reading such as skimming and scanning skills and developing our skills to answer questions and summarise information we have read. Please continue to read as often as possible at home and bring in any books you are enjoying that you can tell the class about.

In Writing, we will be looking at narratives with a focus on character and settings. We will be trying to use ambitious vocabulary in our writing and we will use different openers and connectives to make our stories more exciting. We will move onto poetry and information reports. In Grammar, we will be looking at similes and metaphors to try to add some exciting descriptions to our writing.

For Spelling we will be learning more common words and we will be looking at the different representations of the sounds j (dge), sh (sh/ti/ch) and ch (ch/tch/t) within words.

This term, we will be learning Spanish for the first time! We will be practising greetings as well as learning some numbers too.

### <u>Health & Wellbeing</u>

We will be exploring our second Jigsaw piece 'Celebrating Difference' throughout term 2. This allows the children to explore our influences, know what makes us unique and celebrate differences between us.

In PE, we will have one outdoor and one indoor session. During our outdoor session we will be practising the necessary skills found in invasion games such as football, basketball and hockey. For our indoor session, we will be developing our dance skills.

#### Additional Information

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P.E Information

**P5g**: Indoor on Thursday, outdoor on Wednesday. **P5h:** Indoor on Wednesday, outdoor on Thursday.

Please come to school in P.E clothing (black leggings/joggers, school coloured plain t-shirt/polo, school jumper/hoody). As some P.E will take place outdoors, the children should come prepared with suitable outdoor footwear and waterproof jackets.

- Opportunities to read for enjoyment will be sought throughout the week. If your child has a book they would like to read and keep in their bag, please have them pop it in as soon as possible.
- Home Learning will be uploaded on to TEAMS every fortnight. There will be spelling words and a numeracy or Maths task. Please upload
  your work onto teams before the next home learning date. If you require a jotter to complete home learning in, please contact your child's
  teacher.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school office, or email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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