

# THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL BALGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term Ahead: August - October

Primary 6

Dear Parent/Carer.

It has been lovely welcoming everyone back to school after the holidays. They have been enthusiastic in their approach to their learning. We thought we would share with you what we will be working on with them this term.

## Literacy and English

For reading, we are focussing learning using our class novels, through short reading comprehension tasks and encouraging reading for pleasure individually in class. We are commencing literacy circles this term.

Writing this term will be planned around our two topics of Kindness and Ancient Greece. The focus will be descriptive writing and newspaper articles.

We are using Daily 5 which focusses on reading out loud, reading to self, writing, vocabulary and listening. Spelling will concentrate on a range of spelling patterns and rules which will change weekly.

## Learning Across the Curriculum

We will begin outdoor learning through our John Muir award. This award centres around 4 main areas: discovering an area, exploring the area, conserving it and then sharing our experiences and findings.

Our focus topic for this term will be Ancient Greece. In this topic, we will explore timelines of events, Greek mythology, Olympics and compare and contrast Greece to Scotland.

### Numeracy and Mathematics

Currently we are using TeeJay, White Rose Maths and Sumdog to support our numeracy and maths lessons.

In numeracy, we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. We will continue to revise times table facts.

Through practical activities in maths, we will describe, follow and record directions, routes and journeys using accurate vocabulary.

### Admin

P.E: will take place on Thursdays with the PE specialist Mr Murray, alternating between morning and afternoon.

Homework: In line with the school homework policy, there will be no assigned weekly homework. We will however provide an optional home learning wall via Teams. These will focus on life skills and further support learning in class.

Outdoor Learning: We will have weekly outdoor learning sessions every Monday.

Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers, wearing clothes and footwear that can get dirty and wet. We will also take every opportunity to learn outdoors so please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket, a hat and gloves.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Yours sincerely,

Hannah Gaunt & Chrysa Karagianni Class Teachers