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Term Ahead: January 2024 - Primary 6

Dear Families,

Welcome Back, I hope you had a lovely Christmas! I hope that you'll find the information below useful. You can also find updates on what we're up to on Twitter so check us out using #BalgreenP6a or #BalgreenP6b.

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy and English</p> <p>Our strong focus in literacy is on fostering a love of books and reading in our children through regular use of our class library and through reading books online using EPIC. We will be continuing to develop comprehension skills through our reading groups this term.</p> <p>The writing focus this term will be persuasive writing linked to our topic on the environment. Pupils will learn how to use repetition, rhetorical questions and quotes to create some persuasive texts.</p> <p>We will continue to practice spelling in class. The spelling words are attached to the Homework Wall and the weekly spelling lists can also be found on Sumdog.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>In numeracy, we will continue to develop multiplication and division strategies. Learners will be introduced to multiplying and dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers. We will also be learning about fractions. This will include learning about equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and finding the fraction of an amount.</p> <p>Problem solving has been an integral part of our work and we are working hard to decide what part of a problem needs to be tackled first and whether one answer is enough to prove our ideas.</p> <p>In maths we will be learning about creating and reading different graphs, including bar charts, timetables and line graphs.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>This term P6 have chosen to learn about Europe. They will be comparing the cultures, climates and geography of some of the countries in Europe.</p> <p>For Scots week, pupils will be learning a Scottish poem and song. They will learn some Scottish vocabulary, they will learn about some Scottish landmarks and they will be creating pop art using famous Scottish foods and drink as inspiration.</p> <p>As part of the Empowered Learning programme, we will be learning how to use technology safely. This will also compliment and extend the learning taking place in class.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Administration</p> <p>P.E: will take place every Tuesday with our PE specialist Mr Murray. Kit must be worn to school.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning: will take place on Thursdays in our woods. Children must come to school in appropriate clothing with waterproof coats and footwear.</p> <p>Homework Grid: Please look at the homework grid to find activities which will support the learning taking place in class.</p> <p>Learning outdoors can take place at any time, in any weather. It is important that children are dressed for this. Remember that it could be sunny and warm before coming to school but cold and wet by lunchtime!</p> <p>Windows and doors are open at all times for ventilation so please bear this in mind. Your child may want to wear more layers so that they can add and remove clothing as they feel the need. It helps if clothes are named – even initials in Sharpie.</p>

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

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