



Dear Parents and Carers,
 We are excited to share the planned learning for Primary 5 this term. The children will be engaging in a wide range of activities across the curriculum to support their confidence, independence and creativity.

Literacy and English

In reading, we will focus on:

- Guided reading focusing on comprehension and Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS)
- Exploring different genres and discussing personal preferences
- Developing vocabulary through context clues and author's word choices
- Using punctuation clues to add expression when reading aloud

Much of our learning in grammar this term will be planned in response to our ongoing assessment of reading and writing.

We will specifically focus on:

- Using a variety of sentence openers and subordinate, coordinate and correlative conjunctions
- Using varied punctuation correctly (including commas and speech marks)
- Using apostrophes to show possession

Writing this term will continue in the form of shorter, daily bursts of writing specifically focused on the 'Tools for Writing'. This will be across a range of genres and include skills such as improving punctuation, grammar, handwriting and spelling to help pupils write with greater accuracy and confidence.

Numeracy and Mathematics

In numeracy, we will be revising addition and subtraction, focusing on the use of both mental and written strategies.

We will also begin the multiplication and division block, including:

- Developing fluency in multiplication and division, focusing on the 3, 6, 7-, 9-, 11- and 12-times tables.
- Using written methods for multiplication and division and applying these to solve practical, real-life problems.
- Strengthening number sense through mental strategies, fact families and understanding division as the inverse of multiplication.

In maths, following on from area and perimeter, our learning will focus on shape, position and movement. This will include:

- Exploring 2D and 3D shapes by identifying key properties such as faces, edges and vertices, and using nets to visualise and create 3D models.
- Investigating symmetry and patterns in the environment, and using coordinates and position to locate, describe and move objects.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This term our learning across the curriculum will be based on the topic 'The Evolution of Transport'.

This will include:

- Comparing how transport has changed over time (land, sea and air)
- Understanding why technological change happens
- Learning about Scottish contributions to invention (e.g., bicycle, shipbuilding)
- Creating a transport timeline and researching key inventors
- Designing the "future of transport"
- Studying the impact of transport on the environment
- Building and recording simple circuits linked to electric vehicles
- Exploring friction, gravity and air resistance

We will also learn about cultural celebrations such as Diwali, Halloween, Guy Fawkes and Christmas.

Health and Wellbeing

- NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe programme
- Respectful relationships, personal safety and knowing trusted adults
- Building Resilience: managing emotions, problem solving and growth mindset

Administration

P.E will continue to take place on Tuesdays with Mr Murray. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately so they get the full benefit of the lessons. We will also be participating in a six-week block of cricket sessions on Thursdays, beginning the 6th November. P5B will start swimming on Thursday 7th November.

Parental involvement in children's learning is invaluable. We have provided a Home Learning Wall with a variety of activities which complement the learning in class.

For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our school Padlet via the QR code.



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

Yours sincerely,

Class teachers, Miss McFarlane and Miss Wyllie