



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you all had a lovely October break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. Below are details of what we will be learning as well as some useful information for the term ahead.

<p align="center">Literacy and English</p> <p>In reading, we will be focusing on the following skills:</p> <p>In our groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluency & accuracy • Continuation of answering literal and inferential questions • Creating literal and inferential questions to ask and discuss in their reading group <p>In class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading comprehension tasks (link to RME) • Reading for enjoyment supported by the class library and online app 'Epic' <p>We will also be continuing to use our skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using an online dictionary and thesaurus • Using iPads to identify words, find definitions in given text 	<p align="center">Literacy and English</p> <p>In writing our genre is Imaginative. We are entering the BBC 500 words competition and will write a Winter story for our P1 buddies. We will use the Story Mountain approach with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plot • Setting • Character <p>Spelling will see groups practicing the vowel digraphs e.g. ay/ai as in pay/paid, ou/ow as in pound/cow. We will also continue learning about silent letters, soft c and trickier words with patterns oi/oy, au, ee/ea and ee/ea as in bread.</p> <p>Grammar will continue our work on fronted adverbials using ISPACE, using Sophisticated conjunctions and more powerful adjectives. We will also learn about direct speech and personification.</p>	<p align="center">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>Throughout the year we will be using White Rose Education to support our numeracy and math lessons.</p> <p>In numeracy, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add and subtract 1s, 10s, 100s, 1000s • adding up to two 4-digit numbers with no exchange, one exchange and more than one exchange • subtracting up to two 4-digit numbers with no exchange, one exchange and more than one exchange • estimation <p>We will also begin the multiplication and division block, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multiples of 3, 6, 9 • divide by 6 and 9 • times table and division facts for 7, 11, 12 • multiply by 1 and 0 • divide a number by 1 and itself • multiply 3 numbers <p>In maths, following on from area, we are looking at length with kilometres and metres.</p>
<p align="center">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>The pupils have enjoyed our topic, The Wild Robot, so much this term that we are continuing it this term. Through science we will look at habitats, food chains, ecosystems and biodiversity.</p> <p>In RME, we will learn about Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.</p> <p>In social studies, we will learn about Halloween, Guy Fawkes, Remembrance and St Andrews.</p> <p>Health and Well-Being will focus on 'My senses: things I like and don't like' and being able to identify one's own feelings and communicate them effectively. All RSH lessons can be found at - https://rshp.scot/second-level/#fairandequal. We will also continue to learn about the zones of regulations.</p>	<p align="center">Administration</p> <p>P.E: will take place on Mondays, with the PE specialist. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately so they get the full benefit of the lessons. We will also be participating in football coaching with Hearts every Wednesday.</p> <p>Homework: Parental involvement in children's learning is invaluable and we have provided a Home Learning Wall with a variety of activities which complement the learning in class.</p> <p>P5B will start swimming on Thursday 7th November.</p> <p><i>If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.</i> <i>Yours sincerely,</i> <i>Class teachers, Sam Gilbertson & Rachel Wyllie</i></p>	