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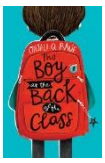
Head Teacher: Mr Richard Napier

Primary 5 and 5/4 Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after what we hope was an enjoyable summer break! We hope you are ready for an exciting year ahead. Find details of the planned learning for this term below, as well as some useful information. We are already so impressed by the learners and can't wait for this year together!

Literacy and English



This term, we will be using The Boy at the Back of The Class by Onjali Q. Raúf as a whole class novel to explore the themes of belonging and journeys, in addition to supporting reading and writing skills.

Learners will participate in small-group reading sessions with a focus on turn-taking and social skills. Reading opportunities will allow children to enhance vocabulary, develop reading fluency, skimming and scanning skills, and they will demonstrate their understanding of texts by answering questions. We will also have dedicated time for reading for enjoyment. For this, please feel free to borrow from school or bring a book in from home and keep it in your tray!

This term will focus on increasing fluency of writing tools including types of punctuation, ambitious vocabulary, interesting openers and sophisticated conjunctions.

Spelling – We will complete regular spelling practice of key rules, patterns and common words using active spelling tasks and Sumdog. See the home learning grid for specific rules.

Numeracy and Mathematics

This term, we will be focusing on *place value* and *addition and subtraction* in numeracy. This will include:

- Representing and partitioning numbers to 1000 and 10,000
- Finding 1/10/100/1000 more and less than a given number
- Counting in tens/hundreds/thousands
- Estimating, comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10/100/1000
- Adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1,000s
- Adding and subtracting numbers with up to 4 digits using a variety of mental and written strategies

In Maths, we will be learning about *area* and *length and perimeter*. This will include:

- Calculating and comparing the area of 2D shapes
- Creating shapes with a given area
- Calculating and measuring the perimeter of a variety of regular and irregular 2D shapes

Learning Across the Curriculum

Health and Wellbeing



This term we will be focusing on the UNCRC to create a rights-based class charter, discussing our roles as rights and duty bearers. As we settle back into the school routine, we will also be revisiting Zones of Regulation and the strategies we can use to get into the '*green zone*'. As part of our RSHP lessons, we will focus on friendship. More information on this can be found here - https://rshp.scot/second-level/#friendships

Journeys and Belonging



This term, we will use our class novel to learn about refugees,
explore themes of friendship, empathy, identity, inclusion and human rights. Also in this topic, we will research places, people and environments, explore maps and create art linked to our learning.

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P.E. will take place at the times below with Mr Murray. Children should come to school on these days wearing comfortable school uniform.
P5 – Monday mornings
P5/4 – Friday mornings

Homework: In line with the school homework policy, there will provide an optional home learning wall. We encourage children to read regularly and practice times tables to improve confidence to applying these skills to other learning.

Outdoor Learning: There will be outdoor learning sessions **every Tuesday**. Children should come to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers and they must bring a jacket.

Important Dates:

- **September 14th** – Monday Holiday
- **29th September** and **1st October** – Parent consultations

School Padlet: For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our new school Padlet via our school website or the QR code.

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

Yours sincerely,
Miss Gaunt and Miss McFarlane (Class Teachers)