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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.

<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. Our class novel this term is Lenny Henry's book <i>The Boy with Wings</i>. Pupils will explore the themes of this book through class discussions and comprehension questions.</p> <p>The writing focus this term will be on taking notes and using these to create informative texts such as reports and biographies. These will be inspired by the 60s topic.</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. Later in the term, we will return to learning about fractions. This will include learning to add and subtract fractions as well as learning how to find fractions of amounts.</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>The topics covered in maths this term will include finding the area and perimeter of shapes, as well as learning about reading and creating line graphs.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>Our topic this term is The Swinging Sixties. Through this topic pupils will learn about significant events and people from the 60s. They will also compare life in the 60s to now and identify similarities and differences between the two societies. Throughout this topic there will be lots of opportunities for music and art inspired by the Swinging Sixties.</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.