

P5/4 Newsletter

Term 2, Session 2017-2018

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break.

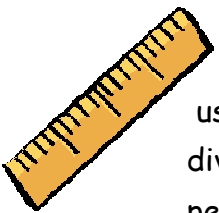
Topic

Topic this term will be 'Famous Scots' where we will be researching famous Scots past and present, displaying our facts in various forms, including the use of technology. Your child will be working collaboratively with others to research and present information on various Scottish inventors, musicians, sports personalities etc. Pupils will be working in cooperative learning groups and completing tasks that are planned to ensure that all group members are actively engaged in their learning.



Numeracy and Mathematics

This term, we will be focusing on patterns with numbers, measurement (length) using different units of measure and continuing with the work on multiplication and division that we started last term. Some groups will also be working on area and perimeter. In addition, we will be consolidating recall of times tables in class and as part of a homework task.



Reading

Reading will be completed twice a week in class, on a Tuesday and Friday unless otherwise stated in your child's reading record. However, as comprehension tasks may be carried out on other days, please ensure your child has their reading book in school at all times.



Writing

Following on from last term, Mrs Milne will continue to work with the class, focusing on functional writing. In addition, as part of our topic, there will be an emphasis on note taking from online and paper texts. This will then be presented

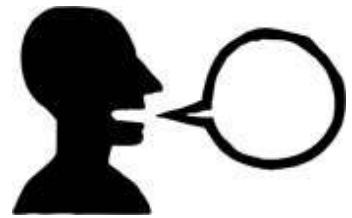


using different formats including reports, poster presentations, annotated diagrams and individual fact files.

In grammar and punctuation lessons, we will be building on prior knowledge of nouns and adjectives. We will also be working on direct speech, pronouns and possessive nouns, ensuring that your child can transfer this knowledge in their free writing.

Listening and Talking

Listening and talking skills will be developed during our cooperative learning tasks where children will be sharing what they have learned either to their group or whole class. Moreover, pupils will be note taking from one another and using this information to add to their fact files.



In addition, as part of a homework task this term, your child will be asked to present a 5 minute talk on a famous Scot of their choice. There will be more information on this to follow.

Health and Wellbeing



Last term, we focused on conflict resolution, friendships and making safe choices. This term, we will be building on our previous knowledge, taking part in discussions and activities that will encourage your child to think about responsibilities, healthy bodies and achievements. We will continue to follow the Scarf programme of work which is centred on the 'growth mindset' approach, promoting positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement.

PE will continue to be on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit on those days. We will be completing our racquet skills topic and moving on to social dancing by the end of November.

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Monday to be completed and submitted by Friday. Weekly homework tasks will include spelling (copying words three more times and completing one Spell well task) and as previously stated we will be consolidating our

knowledge of times tables. The multiplication table your child will be learning/extending their knowledge of will be copied in their homework jotter.

We will also be carrying out individual talks on a 'Famous Scot' of their choice.



Visiting Specialists

Specialists this term will include Mrs Minto (Music) on a Monday, Mrs Davidson (French) on a Thursday and Mrs Macdearmid (ICT) on a Friday.

Many thanks for your continued support this session. We look forward to meeting with you and sharing your child's progress during the parent interviews later this month.

Rebecca Crombie and Gillian Macdearmid