

Literacy

Reading and Spelling

We will continue to use the Active Literacy programme to develop our phoneme and common word knowledge. We will explore a variety of strategies to support and challenge our knowledge and skills.

The class have been enjoying "The Wilderness War" by Julia Green and we will complete the novel and literacy circle reading tasks this term .

We will also be reading for pleasure, share our thoughts on our favourite genre of novels, and recommend books we have enjoyed to each other, discussing what it is we enjoy about different authors and types of books.



Writing

Our main focus for the rest of the term will be descriptive/imaginative writing. We will set personal targets to help us to edit and improve our own writing – targets can be viewed on your child's blog.

We will be writing recounts and some persuasive letters during interdisciplinary learning.

Listening & Talking

Pupils will develop their listening and talking skills by watching information clips and news articles on line. They will also be using their persuasive skills to take part in a variety of debates in class.

Numeracy and Maths



We will continue to develop our numeracy skills through daily Number Talks revising and learning new strategies to support addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. Our focus for numeracy will be decimal place, fractions and multiplication and division calculations. Mrs Conetta will be focusing on maths and in particular angles and tessalations.

We will be taking part in the Glasgow Science Festival - Creating Engineers 2021 COP26 KNex Bridge Building Challenge



Fenwick Primary School



Primary 5/6 Newsletter

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We have settled into our new P5/6 class very well and everyone has been working hard and enjoying our new classroom.

We are excited to be taking part in the Youthlink Ski Academy Project at Newmilns Snow complex, learning new skills and having lots of fun outdoors. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us in the coming weeks ,but please ensure your child is well wrapped up on a Monday and bring a change of clothes for class.

All teaching and learning within the class is at the CfE level appropriate for your child therefore, at times, children work within groupings and at other times, they work in their own class age group ie Primary 6 and Primary 5. We also enjoy working together as a whole class team. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Kayleigh McDougall who is a student teacher with UWS to work with us until the beginning of December.

We update our **class blog** regularly so **please have a look** to see what we have been up to and for any class news / timetable changes!

French



We will have the opportunity to practice our French vocabulary and learn simple phrases on a weekly basis with Mrs Conetta.

Rights Respecting Schools

Going for Gold - we will be focusing on our school, playground and class charters. We had fun designing our own class charter and choosing the rights that we thought important for our class, we linked these to SHANARRI. Please look at photos of our Charter on our class blog.

There will also be opportunities to explore Global Goals and the impact we have on our environment and the wider world. We will be taking part in Climate Change lessons during COP26.

Health and Wellbeing



During PE this term we are focussing on ball skills with Mrs Conetta. **Our PE days will be a Tuesday and Monday - skiing, your child can wear their PE kit to school on those days (no jewellery)**

We will use our school PATHS resource to learn about emotional well-being and will be carrying out various lessons and activities based on Mindfulness, focussing on social and emotional learning using PATHS. In November we will be taking part in Anti Bullying Week across the school. This year the focus will be "One Kind Word".

We will focus on substance misuse and internet safety.

Towards the end of this term we will be exploring Relationships, Sexual Health and Relationships lessons. Please look at the school app with a letter specific to this topic in the coming weeks. Our weekly Achievement Assemblies celebrate success in school and at home. We update our Achievement Blog page weekly.

Homework



Homework will be notified weekly on TEAMS. Pupils will complete work at home and will not be required to return jotters to school, instead work can be completed on their E-Portfolio or photographs uploaded. I will "check-in" with pupils regularly to discuss work on their portfolio.

How you can help support your child at home...

www.sumdog.com

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/BugClubLogIn>

Bug Club – pupils will have BugClub novels allocated each term to read alongside our class novel.