



A warm welcome back to school, and to P6L. We spent the first week selecting articles from the UNCRC to help form our Class Charter - we chose articles 12, 28, 29 and 31. Our class charter display can be seen on Learning Journals.

Language & Literacy

This term we are reading some Little Miss and Mr Men books to practise answering comprehension questions and identifying fact and opinion. We will also use this as a stimulus for story-writing featuring our own 'bossy' characters getting their comeuppance.

Our class novel this term will be The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Although a short book, it is excellent for practising visualising as the author uses a lot of imagery, and we will also look at aspects of grammar such as simile, metaphor and alliteration. For enjoyment, pupils will listen to The Gift of Dark Hollow, the sequel to The Legend of Podkin One-Ear which they enjoyed in P5.

To promote reading at home, we will be using a class Reading Journal which children can fill in to share what they've been enjoying with their classmates. Children can also use their own personal reading journal to keep their own record.



Numeracy & Mathematics

Term 1 will see us practising different strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide. This year we hope to improve our mental ability to perform these strategies for smaller numbers, and apply them to larger numbers in written methods. This is something we will practise regularly throughout the year, as these operations are involved across a number of numeracy outcomes.



Term 1 will include work on place value, rounding and estimating. We will also work on naming and identifying angles, and measure angles using protractors.

On Sumdog, we will redo the diagnostic assessment so that we can make sure we are working at an appropriate level. The class have been entered into the Sumdog National Maths Week competition which begins on 22nd September. Sumdog and Topmarks have great games for practising maths skills at home.

Health & Wellbeing

P.E - PE days will be on a Monday and a Thursday. Gym kit should be brought on these days, although we may do PE outdoors if the weather is suitable. Please note that earrings cannot be worn - this is East Ayrshire policy, and pupils aren't allowed to cover earrings with plasters. We will be doing athletics and fitness this term.



Health - We will be continuing with the school's PATHS health and wellbeing programme. We will use our Class Charter to help make our class a happy place to be and to learn, and we will explore feelings and reminders of strategies to cope with uncomfortable feelings. We will also look at different food and nutrition needs, and how advertising affects food choices.

Contexts for Learning

Miss Duncan will take the class for one PE lesson on a Monday and will also teach RME this term. Mrs Freel will also take the class for outdoor sessions on a Friday - children should bring appropriate clothing/footwear. In science, we will be learning about space, exploring planets and other features and making simple models.



Pupils will deliver a personal talk to the class in Term 1. This will involve bringing in a selection of 5 items (or photos) which are meaningful to them to tell the class about. Further details are included in the homework grid.