



As we welcome P6 pupils back after our Summer Break, we look forward to the term ahead filled with new learning opportunities and responsibilities. During Term 1 we will be exploring new and interesting topics. We hope that 2023 brings lots good times for all the children. I am looking forward to working with your children, learning lots and having fun! Until Mr Johnstone returns, Miss Speirs will be assisting Mrs Martin so another member of staff will teach the class on a Monday.

### Language & Literacy



For our class novel, we will be reading 'Desperate Journey' by Kathleen Fidler. We will continue to develop use of the six Active Literacy reading strategies with a slot on developing ability to answer comprehension questions. In writing we will be looking at the strategies needed for successful persuasive text and will write in a variety of ways to do this. In spelling, we will continue to explore new phonemes, learn new spelling rules and expand our vocabulary with topic-specific common words. We will also continue to develop talking and listening skills through different activities across the curriculum and with listening games.

### Numeracy & Mathematics

We will begin the term by consolidating whole number. We will look at place value and rounding to the nearest 10,100 and 1000s. We will continue to consolidate skills in solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division by focussing on number processes one session per week. In our work on Symmetry, we will create other halves of symmetrical shape and examine multiple lines of symmetry. We will have a session each week to use Maths Plickers, an online resource to revise learning in mental maths activities.

### Health & Wellbeing



**P.E.-** In PE, we will work on Agility Games with a focus on improving our fitness and recording results.

**Health** – Our focus will be awareness of and ability to express our feelings and developing the ability to talk about them. PATHS lessons will support this work too. We will continue to celebrate pupils through PATHS Pupil of the Day and weekly Superstar awards. We have created our own Class Charter with the rights the children felt were important to them to have a safe, happy, secure classroom where we all feel valued.

### Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we will be studying the Highland Clearances and their impact. We will be using our class novel as a context for much of our learning. We will look at historical evidence to help build a picture of Scotland's heritage and look at a time line to understand when this took place. We will research and learn about famous Scottish characters from this time that have had an influence on Scottish Society. We will study famous Scottish artists and use them as a stimulus for our own paintings and drawings.



Additional Information. Our P6 children will continue to 'Buddy' children in P1 and 2. P.E days are Monday and Friday. Homework grids will be sent home on a four weekly basis and the children will have a jotter and folder for their tasks. I hope, weather permitting, Outdoor learning will happen on a regular basis. Learning Journals will be used weekly to celebrate all our great work and adventures.