



Welcome back to Term 2, the lead up to Christmas! Always a busy term with parties, the Christmas lunch and our Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December.

Language & Literacy

We will explore character and setting in this term's class novel, a Scottish text called *Thumble Tumble and the Ollpheist*, which is set in Arran.

In writing we will be completing our space topic and writing information reports using the notes we have compiled from group research and from videos online. We will also explore poetry forms linked to space.



As we begin our topic work on Europe, we will use our reading skills to find and select important information about countries and culture. We will work on persuasive writing in the form of a tourist leaflet.

Numeracy & Mathematics

In term 2 we will continue to work on number operations, with more of a focus on multiplying and dividing. This will link into work on multiples, factors and prime numbers.



We will practise using the order of operations for more complex calculations, often known as BODMAS/BOMDAS.

We will work on patterns, including number patterns and shape patterns.

Our atlas work will also include looking at grid references.

There is an EAC Sumdog competition from November 10th - 16th.

Health & Wellbeing

PE - For the first part of this term, the PE focus will be on central net sports such as tennis, badminton and volleyball. Next it will be on aesthetic skills including gymnastics and dance. Pupils will be learning Scottish country dances and some will represent the school at the Day of Dance at the Grand Hall in Kilmarnock.



Health - We will be continuing with the school's PATHS health and wellbeing programme, looking at problem solving in relation to peer pressure situations. There will also be discussion of emotional wellbeing related to body image and social media.

Contexts for Learning

We will be starting a topic about Europe, accompanied by a short novel called *The Mystery of the Golden Stars* which guides the children through aspects of the EU and its history. Children will research different European countries including their physical geography, famous landmarks, people and culture. There is a P6 Euroquiz competition held annually, and a team of 4 will be chosen for this.



We will also be having a visit from Kilmaurs Photographic Club, to teach pupils about camera handling and composition. They will then take part in a themed interschools competition with other P6 pupils across the Stewarton Learning Partnership, finishing with an exhibition of chosen images in Dunlop Community Hall in March.