



Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. From 22nd January - 23rd February, we will be joined by Mrs White, who will teach the class some of the time and co-teach with Mrs Le Masurier.

Language & Literacy

Our class novel for this term is called *The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle*, by Scots author Victoria Williamson. We will explore characters and settings, and practise comprehension skills.

We are introducing a new spelling programme called *Wraparound Spelling*, which will allow us to practise 'growing' words using prefixes and suffixes. We will also explore word meanings, compound words and more.

In January we celebrate Burns' Day, so we will be working on our Burns' poem *Scots Wha Hae*. Please encourage your child to practise this at home too. We will also continue our weekly poems from a wide range of poets and themes.



Health & Wellbeing

PE - This term we will be working on gymnastics skills including balancing, rolling and jumping.

There is also the remainder of our swimming block at the Galleon for another 3 weeks (22nd Jan, 29th Jan, 5th Feb).

Health - PATHS this term will focus on making and keeping friends. Another HWB spotlight will be on drugs - what they are, their effects, the laws around them and keeping safe. Pupils will explore peer pressure situations using drama.

In term 3 there will be a school-wide *World of Work week*. This will see visiting speakers invited in to speak to the pupils about a range of topics.



Numeracy & Mathematics

In term 3 we will continue to work on number operations, with more of a focus on multiplying and dividing. This will link into work on fractions, decimals and percentages.



We will also work on money, linking it to budgeting, finding the best deals and working out discounts. We will explore how things are paid for and the benefits and drawbacks of credit/debit cards.

There is an EAC Sumdog competition from January 26th - February 1st.

Contexts for Learning

Mrs Borland will take the class for a slot each Monday, and will be covering French and music. The class are exploring different genres of music including classic rock and hip-hop.

Our new novel features a refugee from Syria, so we will be exploring the reasons people become refugees and the situations across the world which link to this. It will also tie in with many of the weekly UNCRRC articles we are exploring to ensure children are fully aware of their rights and how they can be supported to access them.

The children have expressed an interest in Scottish history from our discussion about *Scots Wha Hae*, so we will delve further into this by exploring the history of the Scottish Wars of Independence.

