



Welcome back to the final term of P6. This term we will be involved in the Chem-Step science project with Strathclyde University and we hope you will enjoy taking part in this with your child, watching the videos and learning about the scientists and their work.

### Language & Literacy

Our final novel this year is *The Desperate Journey* by Kathleen Fidler, set in Scotland at the time of the Highland Clearances. We will practise recount writing as we learn about the events that affect the lives of the main characters.

To practise listening skills, we will use comprehension tasks which need careful listening to complete complicated designs to match what is described.



We will continue our work on Wraparound spelling, using root words, prefixes and suffixes to improve our ability to spell wider sets of words.

### Numeracy & Mathematics

In term 4 we will continue to work on fractions, decimals and percentages, and using these in word problems and real-life situations. It is always emphasised how important knowledge of times tables is to make fractions easier, and these can be practised using Sumdog, Topmarks (especially Hit the Button) and using MathsFactLab which pupils have a login for.



We will also practise telling the time, working out durations and using timetables and schedules.

Practical maths work will include weighing and measuring.

### Health & Wellbeing

**PE** - In term 4 we hope to make use of the better weather(!) and do PE outdoors where possible. We will finish work on hockey as well as playing football and rounders. Mr Clark will now be taking Monday PE sessions.



**Health** - We will be continuing with the school's PATHS health and wellbeing programme, looking at being responsible and caring for others. We will also cover Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood content (<https://rshp.scot/second-level/>).

### Contexts for Learning

Linked to our novel, we will learn about the history of the UK around the time of the Highland Clearances, and how it affected people's lives. We will dramatise the events to help us appreciate characters' feelings and help with our recount writing.

This term we are following up on some of the STEM videos we watched in T3. As Bear Cub engineers, we were given different tasks and have still to explore urban drainage systems. We will also be involved in the science project with Strathclyde University. Booklets linked to the science project will be the only homework sent home this term. Children can still use online games to practise skills, and of course reading books and playing games are never a waste of time!

