



Welcome back to Term 2, the lead up to Christmas! Always a busy term with parties, Christmas lunch and our Christmas Fayre on 29<sup>th</sup> November. This year, thanks to the Parents' Association we will have the great experience of going to the pantomime. Oh yes we will!

**Language & Literacy**

This term we will read a short novel called *The Mystery of the Golden Stars*, which will link to our topic on Europe. Alongside this, 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.

As our topic will involve a lot of research, much of the reading focus this term will be on non-fiction texts about Europe and significant Europeans.

In writing we will also learn about procedural writing in order to write up science experiments.

We will continue our work on Wraparound spelling, and will also look at points of grammar including adjectives, verbs and conjunctions.



**Numeracy & Mathematics**

In term 2 we will continue to work on number operations, with more of a focus on multiplying and dividing. Our new initiative to raise confidence and fluency in using times tables, *Multiplication Monsters*, will begin this term. This will link into work on multiples, factors and prime numbers. Keep an eye on Learning Journals to see how you can help support this.



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 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> as well as a national competition from December 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Health & Wellbeing**

**PE** - We are looking forward to a visit from Mr Alexander, PE lead at Stewarton Academy, to teach volleyball skills, and hope to visit the Academy for this too. This term, the PE focus will be on central net sports such as tennis and badminton as well as volleyball.



**Health** - We will be continuing with the school's PATHS health and wellbeing programme, looking at problem solving in relation to peer pressure situations. All P6 pupils will also be doing Wellbeing training run by EAC, and will have the chance to become Wellbeing Champions to support others. 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, looking at 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 explore artwork, songs and dances related to different European countries, and practise mapping skills.

In science, pupils will learn about friction and carry out experiments to explore different surfaces.

Miss Speirs now takes P6L for a block on Thursdays and will be teaching PE and music.