



Mr Buchanan-Smith and Mr Clark would like to extend a warm January welcome to all our P5 pupils and parents. We hope you all had a lovely, fun-filled festive holiday. Miss Houston is also delighted to continue to teach both classes on Thursdays and Fridays, covering non-contact time. Mr Buchanan-Smith will now also teach P5B on Thursday afternoons in addition to the days he has always taught. We are all looking forward to a very busy and fun-filled third term with both P5 classes.

**Literacy****Reading**

We shall be continuing our book study this term; 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. Through our novel, we will be practising skills associated with active literacy strategies, including inference, visualization and summarising. We will also be reading, understanding and interpreting Scots Language through our Burns Poem – Willie Wastle. Children will also be given the opportunity to read aloud, developing their skills when listening as an audience, and talking to an audience.

**Spelling**

We are continuing our spelling practice using the Wraparound scheme. We will also be learning specific spelling rules to help us avoid making common mistakes to improve accuracy when using vocabulary, to enhance our writing.

**Writing**

This term our focus is Information Writing (Non-Chronological Reports, Newspaper Articles and Report Writing) with a closer look at developing paragraphs to improve layout and presentation of work. We will be encouraging the children to self-mark and develop ownership of their written work.

**Health & Wellbeing**

As part of our core Health and Wellbeing curriculum, both classes will be explore Food and Nutrition, and how it affects the human body. This links to our science topic.

We will continue with PATHS lessons and will explore different feelings in relationships and getting along with others.

**P.E.**

The children are asked to bring their gym kit on the following days:

P5F – Monday and Wednesday

P5B – Thursday and Friday

This term we will be looking at Gymnastics, Dance, Basketball, and Netball.

**Numeracy****Number**

P5 will continuing to examine the following mathematical topics of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and Measurement as our main number focus. We will also be looking at Expressions and Equations as well as continuing 2D Shape and 3D Objects within our beyond number focus. Both classes will continue to work on their number talks to develop their fast number strategies whilst continuing to show their written calculations and good layout of work.

**Multiplication/Division**

Primary 5 will continue to revise and learn the times tables up to 10 through playing games, learning songs, online activities, and completing challenges. We are also learning to multiply and divide 3 or more-digit numbers. We will also continue with our Multiplication Monsters initiative.

**Contexts for Learning****IDL**

Through our novel and other areas of the curriculum, we will continue to study the Vikings, before moving on to the topic of Our Local Community after the February break. We will be taking part in outdoor learning activities.

During this term, we will be taking a closer look at the origins of certain historical events and holidays within the calendar months ahead, e.g. Burns Night, Valentine's Day, and Easter amongst others.

**Art**

This term we have the opportunity to develop our knowledge by taking part in the Photography Competition. This will give both classes valuable insight into creating photographs and using digital media to produce high quality images, via the idea of capturing experiences around us.

**Science**

We will be studying Body Systems, Cells, and Inheritance this term, and we will be using practical activities whenever possible to reinforce the learning.

**ICT**

We will be conducting online research specifically on both Vikings and Our Local Community and their way of life. We will be looking at how to display and publish information effectively and appropriately.

