

Welcome back to the final term of P6. We will have two outings this term; Danger Detectives at Dean Castle Country Park on 13<sup>th</sup> May and our school trip to James Hamilton Heritage Park in June to enjoy some water sports.

## 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 work on recount writing as we learn about the events that affect the lives of the main characters.

To practise listening skills, we will use comprehension stories as well as 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 and learn their meanings.

## Health & Wellbeing

<u>P.E</u> - In term 4 we hope to make use of the better weather(!) and do PE outdoors where possible. We will be focussing on target games, getting ready for sports day and the odd game of rounders!

<u>Health</u> - 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 (<a href="https://rshp.scot/second-level/">https://rshp.scot/second-level/</a>).

## 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. Fluency in times tables is so helpful in making this easier, and these can be practised using Sumdog, Topmarks (especially Hit the Button) and using MathsFactLab which pupils have a login for. We will continue to work on this in Monster Multiplication Masters in school too.

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

Miss McFarlane will be working on measurement furthering our knowledge of weight, volume, length and capacity.

## Contexts for Learning

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

In science, we will find out about microorganisms and the role they play including carrying out some experiments to see their effects. We will investigate how electrical circuits work and use kits to practise making different circuits to achieve results such as ringing a buzzer or lighting a lamp.