

Primary Six NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2026-2027



Teacher's Note

A very warm welcome back to school, and to P6. We spent the first week selecting articles from the UNCRC to help form our Class Charter, the display can be seen on Learning Journals. We look forward to meeting you and sharing more information about the year ahead at our 'Meet the Teacher' event on the 9th of September.

Literacy

Reading

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.

Writing

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.

Spelling

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

Numeracy

Term1 will see us practising different strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

This year we hope to improve our mental ability to perform these strategies for smaller numbers and apply them to larger numbers in written methods. This is something we will practise regularly throughout the year, as these operations are involved across several numeracy outcomes.

Term 1 will include work on place value, rounding and estimating. We will also work on naming and identifying angles, measuring angles using protractors and shape.

Sumdog and Topmarks have great games for practising and enhancing maths skills, we would encourage children to engage with them at home.

Context 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 and songs related to different European countries, and practise mapping skills.

We are continuing to learn French and BSL as our two additional languages.

Health and Wellbeing

PE days will be on a Wednesday and a Friday for P3MH and a Tuesday and a Friday for P6M. Gym kit should be brought on these days, although we may do PE outdoors if the weather is suitable. We will be doing athletics and fitness this term.

We will be continuing with the school's PATHS health and wellbeing programme. We will use our Class Charter to help make our class a happy place to be and to learn, and we will explore feelings and reminders of strategies to cope with uncomfortable feelings. We will also look at different food and nutrition needs, and how advertising affects food choices.