***A message from Miss Ainsworth***

Welcome back everybody; I hope you all enjoyed your winter break. P5 have another exciting and busy term ahead of them.

***Numeracy***

We will continually revise and consolidate areas of prior learning as well as focusing on the following new areas:

**Fractions, Decimals and Percentages –** This will include finding fractions of amounts, ordering/comparing fractions, simplifying fractions and understanding the link between fractions and decimals.

**Time –** This will include reading and writing 12 and 24 hour clock, calculating durations in hours and minutes and describe/use a timetable.

**Times tables** – 7 and 8 times tables (previous tables will continually be revised but children should practise these at home to increase speed and accuracy).

**‘Number Talks’** – pupils will continue to develop a range of mental maths strategies through

***Number Talks***

As concepts become harder, it is very important that all pupils have a strong grasp of their multiplication tables to support progression. Below are some useful websites that can be accessed for additional revision.

***Points to note***:

☺ P.E. will be a Tuesday & Thursday

* Our P5 blog is frequently updated throughout the term with our activities and learning
* Weekly spelling and numeracy activities will continue to be uploaded to our class Team

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**Primary 5 – Miss Ainsworth**

**Jan – March 2023**

***Interdisciplinary Learning***

***Literacy***

**Reading**

This term, P5 will cover a block of both non-fiction and fiction. The children will continue to use their Active Literacy reading strategies to help them demonstrate their understanding of texts. Our next fiction novel will be Coraline by Neil Gaiman.

For non-fiction we will cover texts linked to our topics and some key skills will include:

* Record some key ideas from the text, using own words as far as possible
* Use headings and subheadings to organise information
* Understand the difference between quoting and using own words
* Begin to identify persuasive language in texts

**Writing**

The children will have the opportunity to write in many different genres through our topics, however our focus will be on persuasive writing. As with all pieces of writing, children will continue to work on their Tools for Writing.

**Talking and Listening**

For the Scottish poetry competition, P5 will be learning a short version of Address to a Haggis. Children will also have the opportunity to take part in a mini debate linked to our rainforest topic.

**French**

Family, months, weather, alphabet and pets.

This term our focus will be on Scotland based around the main themes within our novel, including:

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***Health & Wellbeing***

This term P5 will cover Substance Misuse which includes learning about the negative impact smoking and alcohol has on the body.

**P.E.**

* Basketball
* Short tennis
* Rugby skills

***John Muir Award***

P5 will continue to be working towards their John Muir (Discovery) Award.

As part of Dunlop’s whole school Scottish fortnight, p5 will be learning about Significant Scots.



Following our Scotland mini topic, our next I.D.L topic is The Rainforest. This will include covering:

* Identifying layers of the rainforest
* Energy flow between plants and animals
* Medicines
* Animals
* The impact of deforestation
* Photosynthesis

