



# Primary 5/6

April - June 2024

This term we will be learning about ...



## Literacy

Our class novel is *The Desperate Journey* by Kathleen Fidler, a historical novel based on the events of the Highland Clearances. We are learning to identify and create literal, inferential and evaluative questions in Guided Reading, as well as writing summaries and predictions. We are writing narrative stories that include different types of openers eg. adverbs: when, where, how and using verbs with 'ed' or 'ing' endings eg. Shocked and stunned,... Fearing the worst,...

## Expressive Arts

In **Music** and **Drama** this term, P5-7 will be putting on a performance of 'Annie' the Musical. Rehearsals are underway with some children learning scripts, dances and songs. In recorder lessons we will learn to play in harmony.  
In **art** we will continue to learn about street art and try out different styles. Using the same techniques as used for drawing people, we will learn how to draw animals.

## Technologies

We will continue to work with our P2/3 ICT buddies to help them further their technology skills. It is great to see 5/6 sharing their knowledge and skills in this way.  
We will also be using ZU3D to make an advert. We will plan, create resources, and film it. We will present them to the class for peer evaluation.

## Message from the teacher ...

**Homework and Reading** will go home on a Thursday and is **due back on Monday**.  
Your child will get spelling words with a task and a mental maths

## Numeracy & Mathematics

We are learning how to identify symmetry of 2D shapes and create symmetrical patterns with 1 or more line of symmetry. We will be learning to create and solve equations and algebra, as well as using function machines. P6 have been learning about square and triangular numbers and their patterns and sequences. We will learn how to plot co-ordinates, interpret and create Venn diagrams and show our understanding of Chance and Uncertainty.

## IDL

Our topics this term will be 'The Highland Clearances' and 'Life in the Ocean'.  
We are learning about life in Scotland during the time of the Clearances and the impact this event had on population and land use.  
In 'Life in the Ocean', we will be learning about the different creatures that inhabit our oceans and how climate and pollution are changing this ecosystem. Across both topics we are developing our research, note taking, ICT and presentation skills.

## Outdoor Learning

We will continue to make regular visits to the garden to see how it changes from Spring to Summer. We will continue to plant and harvest a variety of crops. Our tomatoes are nearly ready for their growbags!  
We will have visits to the beach when working on our second topic, Life in the Ocean.

## PE Days

Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons

## Health & Wellbeing (Including PE)

In PE we are learning how to play a version of Kwik Cricket. We have been working on our bowling, fielding and batting techniques. We will also develop our athletics skills in time for Sports Day! (5.6.24)  
We will be learning about the different ways we can keep ourselves safe. This will include learning about Substance Misuse. We will also be using the RHSP website to learn about how our bodies change and grow.  
All pupils will be involved in a variety of sports and activities as part of Active Week (wb 27 May)

## Religious & Moral Education

Themes to be covered this term are 'Community' and 'Growing Up'. We will be learning about what it means to be part of a community and how everyone's needs should be met within a community. We will be learning how some religions identify with their religious community through what they wear, how they behave and items that have important significance in their religion and show others that they are part of that religion. In 'Growing Up' we will be learning about the responsibilities that come with this.

## Wider Life of the School

P5-7 performance of Annie.  
ICT buddies with P2/3.  
P6 running this year's Daffodil Tea.

## Other Information

Garden sessions are planned for 13.5, 27.5, 10.6 and 24.6.  
School show dates: 20 and 21.6 at 6.30pm  
Active Week wb 27.5, Sports Day 5.6.24  
Daffodil Tea 15.5 11am-12.15