



Our Lady of the Annunciation

Primary 5/4 Term 1 Curricular Newsletter



Literacy



- P5/4 will continue to develop their spelling skills using the North Lanarkshire Spelling Programme, with a focus on phoneme families and common words.
- Reading - The class are engaging with the story 'The Guardians of Lore' to develop and apply a range of reading strategies. Literacy World essential texts will also be used throughout Term 1. We will be developing the children's confidence to answer literal, inferential and evaluative questions about their text.
- Writing - We will explore the genres of Character and Setting. The children will focus on developing detailed descriptions of characters and the worlds they live in. In handwriting, children will continue to improve their presentation, letter formation and joining.
- Talking and listening - We will develop these skills through group discussions and KAGAN collaborative activities.

Numeracy

- Mental Maths - P5/4 will develop their confidence and accuracy in mental maths through the Schofield Mental Maths Programme. They will practise a range of mental strategies and develop their ability to explain their thinking.
- Numeracy - P4 will work with numbers to 1000, while P5 will work with numbers to 10000, developing their understanding of place value, estimation and rounding. They will use these skills to support addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and problem solving.
- Maths - In Maths, pupils will be developing their understanding of 2D shapes, angles, symmetry, tiling and directions. They will also be interpreting and comparing data presented in graphs and charts, including identifying misleading information.



Interdisciplinary Learning

- This term, through our topic '*Our Community: Then and Now*' children will explore how our community has changed over time. Guided by their own questions pupils will compare the past with life today.
- In Technology, we will develop our computational thinking skills by learning basic coding. This will include setting commands and exploring how these instructions create changes that we see on our digital devices.
- In Science, Primary 5/4 will investigate the human body, including the skeletal system, major organs and the human ear. We will explore the different parts of the body and develop our understanding of how they work together.

Health and Wellbeing



- Primary 5/4 have PE on Wednesdays with Mrs Pedder and on Thursdays with Mrs Nicholas. On Wednesdays they will develop Football skills such as ball control, dribbling, passing and movement whilst Thursdays will focus on Rugby including passing, evasion and teamwork.
- In Health & Wellbeing, we will explore and understand our emotions. We will learn positive ways to manage our feelings and develop supportive, respectful relationships with others.
- As part of our work on Children's Rights, the class created a Charter together, which they will follow to support positive relationships, work well as a team, and grow in their learning.

Religious Education



- P5 will explore Bible Stories and explore how they help us to understand God's message and live out the values of Jesus.
- We will develop our understanding of prayer, worship and the significance of Mary within the Catholic faith, including traditional prayers and celebrations.
- We will explore the stories of Creation, our relationship with God and our responsibility to care for our world. We will link with our work as a Laudato Si School by exploring the Season of Creation theme, 'Living Water'.

Opportunities for Personal Achievement/ Community Contribution

- Well done to all the children who prepared and delivered fantastic speeches for our Pupil Council elections — you should be very proud! A big congratulations to Enea and Lewis, who were elected and will do a great job representing our class this year.
- We love celebrating success in Primary 5/4, and the children work hard to try to earn 'gems' for their group and achieve our Star Writer award. Please feel free to share your child's wider achievements with us.

How you can help your child at home

- Literacy - Revise spelling words. Enjoy reading together and chat about the story to help your child become a more fluent reader and develop their understanding.
- Numeracy and Maths - Use everyday moments to build on these skills - practise times tables for speed, tell the time or work with money when shopping.
- RE - Talk together about how we can care for God's world and our responsibility to look after the environment. Encourage your child to take part in simple acts of care.

