



Our Lady of the Annunciation

Primary 6/5 Term 1 Curricular Newsletter



Literacy

- Primary 6 will be using the Jolly Phonics Spelling programme to explore a range of spelling patterns and rules. Primary 5 will make use of the North Lanarkshire Programme.
- Reading - In reading, pupils will explore character, summarising the main ideas and reading for pleasure. A focus will be on providing evidence from the text to support our thinking.
- Writing - We will explore the best features of imaginative writing and apply these in our own character and setting descriptions. This will include the use of similes and ambitious vocabulary to add flair and detail.
- Children are using Nelson Handwriting to develop their use of linked script. A high standard of presentation and the use of linked script are always encouraged, especially in homework tasks.



Numeracy

- In Term 1 we have been exploring Place Value of 4- and 5-digit numbers, as well as using this to solve problems. This term we will also work on estimation and rounding, making use of these strategies to check and predict answers. Later in the term we will further explore the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include working with whole numbers up to 4 and 5 digits.
- In Maths this term we will work on the topics of shape, angles, compass points and interpreting data.
- Primary 6/5 are using a range of Glasgow Counts strategies to solve all calculations. Children are familiarising themselves with a range of resources which they can apply when needed to support their strategies. The regular use of the Magma Maths app will also develop our mathematical skills.



Interdisciplinary Learning

- As part of our Global Goals themes of Reduced Inequalities, and Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, Primary 6/5 will explore the theme of Fairtrade.
- In Technology, we will develop our computational thinking and coding skills. We will make use of Code.org to develop our understanding of block coding, including debugging.
- In Science, Primary 6/5 will explore Sound and Sight. This will include developing a detailed awareness of the eye and ear, how these are formed and how they work.



Health and Wellbeing

- PE is on a Tuesday and Friday each week. On Tuesday P6/5 will work with Mrs Nisbet on Handball and on Fridays, Mrs Gibbon will work with the class on Rugby.
- Primary 6/5 have worked together to identify key Rights from the UNCRC to support each other in school. We created our own Class Charter themed around technology laying out the rules we will keep to respect one another's rights.
- Primary 6/5 will also be exploring aspects of Social and Emotional Wellbeing, including strengths and next steps, and our similarities and differences.



Religious Education

- This term Primary 6 will be enrolling in the Pope Francis Faith Award exploring the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can apply them in their daily lives.
- We will also be exploring themes such as the four Gospels, the liturgical calendar and liturgical colours, and Christian heritage through Scotland's history and locations. We will also take part in the Laudato Si Commitment Service.
- As part of the Season of Creation we will explore the theme of 'Living Water'.



Opportunities for Personal Achievement/ Community Contribution

- Well done to everyone who campaigned and prepared speeches to run for Pupil Council! Congratulations to Leo and Anthony who were duly elected.
- Monsignor Hugh is looking for pupils from P4-7 to become altar servers.
- If your child has any wider achievements from clubs/sports outside of school, we would love to see and hear everything about them either in school or via Showbie.



How you can help your child at home

- Literacy - Revise spelling words and read every night for at least twenty minutes.
- Numeracy and Maths - Please continue to practise times tables at home as much as possible to develop confidence and pace. Try a family Hit the Button Challenge (online maths game) for each times table.
- RE - In class we are continuing to develop our confidence with Mass responses. Encourage your child to take on responsibilities around the house to help others.

