



# Sandaig Primary School

## Term 1

### Primary 6 Curriculum Newsletter



#### Literacy & English



We have begun reading our first class novel of the year, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. This novel will provide excellent opportunities for discussion, analysis and research whilst also making cross-curricular links into Health & Wellbeing. As a welcome bonus, it is also very funny.

Practicing our writing skills will remain a part of our daily routine whilst larger pieces of writing will follow the *Roots for Writing* scheme. Our genre of focus for the first term will be procedural writing and offers plenty of options for linking into other subjects like science and health & wellbeing.

Focusing on weekly spelling words and ensuring a wide variety of strategies are taught and used will help us continue to develop in this area.

#### Religious & Moral Education

Our focus for the first term will be on Christian beliefs and traditions. We are excited to research the role these have played in shaping Scottish society.

#### Expressive Arts



Miss Johnstone will teach expressive arts on a Friday morning. Other opportunities to embed expressive arts across the curriculum will be used regularly.

#### Mathematics & Numeracy



Mrs Kennedy will teach Mathematics on a Tuesday. Our focus for Term 1 will be money.

In numeracy, we will continue to develop our knowledge of number with Mr Gray as we look to develop our understanding and ability in estimation, rounding and place value. Whilst all of the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division - will continue to be practiced regularly, our focus for the first term will be addition and subtraction.

We will use a variety of approaches within numeracy, utilising digital learning, active learning and plenty of games to help keep numeracy fun and engaging whilst advancing our skills in this subject area.

#### Sciences



Our science focus for the first term will be on body systems and the role of microorganisms. This will offer exciting chances for practical experiments and cross-curricular links into procedural writing.

#### Outdoor Learning

Our topic lends itself well to getting outdoors and exploring our local area and will provide valuable opportunities for learning within the community.

#### Health & Wellbeing



We will continue with our PATHS lessons in P6, seeking to develop greater understanding and appreciation of our own feelings and the feelings of others. Additionally, we will spend the first portion of this term establishing our class rules, developing a rights-based charter and learning more about how we can live Sandaig's values of kindness, safety and respect daily.

Our PE this term will largely come through the exciting opportunity to visit Springburn Leisure Centre to take part in swimming lessons every Tuesday, this will run for ten weeks. In addition, coaches from the Ceann Creige Club will be visiting in Term 1 to teach our pupils the Ancient Irish game of Hurling.

#### Interdisciplinary Learning

Our topic this term will focus on Barlanark and Glasgow but with a fun and interesting twist. Using resources provided by Gallus Glasgow via Glasgow City Heritage Trust we will be learning lots about the history of our local area.

Beginning in 1864, Gallus Glasgow charts our cities growth and development, providing rich learning experiences and will give us the opportunity to research our own history and heritage. In doing so, we will begin to understand the similarities and differences between our lives and the lives documented by the Heritage Trust. This topic should also provide plenty of opportunities for pupil-led learning based on particular areas of interest within our class.