St Francis Primary School Curriculum Information for Parents/Carers

Literacy and English	This term Primary 6/5, 5a and 5b will be continuing to revise, recognise and write sounds using Phonics International. Children will be focusing on using a range of connectives, openers and ambitious punctuation to enhance their writing. Our writing focuses this term are recount and procedural. Children will be working on a variety of comprehension type questions such literal, inferential and evaluative.
Numeracy and Maths	Across numeracy this term, the children will be learning about rounding, counting, place value, continuing to work on the 4 operations, learning and using a range of CPA strategies to solve problems. Within Maths, children will explore measurement; estimating, measuring and recording different lengths of object and using the correct unit. They will also be taking part in Maths Week where we will explore Maths in the past, how maths is important in daily life and even exploring Binary.
Health and Wellbeing /PE	In Health and Wellbeing this term children will continue progress in PATHS and relate these to real-life situations. As well as this, they will be learning about hygiene and identifying skills and qualities within themselves. In P.E. the children will be improving their fitness, estimating their target and recording results to show development. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE uniform, e.g. a t-shirt, shorts/joggers and suitable shoes in the appropriate colours. No football kits should be worn for PE. All jewellery should be removed.
Religious Education	In RE, the children will be exploring Christianity in Scotland and how it came to our country. They will also be exploring their gifts and talents and trying to live each day showing off the Gospel Values. Children are always happy to share their faith with others in the class.
Sciences	This term the children will be consolidating their knowledge of water cycle, learning the importance of water in daily life and carrying out experiments linked to buoyancy.

Technologies	In technologies this term the children will have the opportunity to use the iPad across their learning. Children will be focusing on becoming more familiar with using the iPad, internet safety and showing how they can be responsible, respectful and safe using technologies. Children will further improve their use of various apps such as 'Showbie', 'Book creator', 'Keynote' and 'Sumdog' to help their learning.
Expressive Arts Music/Drama/Art/Dance	Music: Our classes will be exploring Scottish music and artists through our topic 'Scotland Through the Decades'. Art: In Art we will be looking at line work, colour (identifying hot and cold colours) and creating self-portraits inspired by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Children will have the opportunity to link this with other areas in the curriculum.
Modern Languages	In French, we will be learning to say and use basic greetings and learning how to count up to 30. We will continue to revise all of our learning throughout the year through songs, quizzes and games. With Señor Dunn, we will be learning basic greetings and numbers in Spanish.
Interdisciplinary Learning Skills precical goals	In term 1, our IDL topic will be 'Scotland Through the Decades' with a strong focus on the development of Scotland through the years comparing the past to the present. Children will be researching key historical events that have shaped the culture, lifestyle and political landscape of Scotland by creating a timeline. The children will also be exploring different Scottish Inventors and Scottish Landscape.