

Welcome to our Primary 6 Newsletter!

**Term 1
2023**

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Welcome to Primary 6

I can't quite believe that we are in our lovely new building, and it already feels like home. The children have all settled well into the new routine and adjusted to the move. They are ready to really start their learning journey.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our IDL focus this term is South Africa. This links directly with the class novel we are reading together. The children have come up with some great ideas already and we are hoping to write some letters to a friend in South Africa.

Health and Wellbeing

Our main focus for health this term is keeping safe and caring for one another. The children will revise ways to be supportive peers as well as how to tolerate differences.

Literacy

The children will begin their spelling journey when the homework commences in September. They will be taught the words in class and given time to practise. We are currently all reading the same novel to begin the year. This gives the children and I time to look at reading targets together. In writing, the children have already started with narrative. They will also get a chance to complete letter writing through IDL. In addition to this, the class will learn Gaelic and have already learned new vocabulary. They are also keen to use British Sign Language (BSL) and they have learned the alphabet which they can use to practise their spelling.

Numeracy

I have already said to the children that learning their tables and being confident with their number bonds is crucial if they want to feel ready and confident in other areas of maths. In class we will cover number and place value, factors/multiples, and measure.

P.E

We have great facilities within the school and the children are already enjoying the use of them. The **Wednesday** session of PE is **indoors**, and the main focus will be netball. **Friday's** session is **outside**, and we will have a look at the game La Crosse. I fully intend to make use of the pitches in all weather, if safe to do so. It would be appreciated if the children are dressed for the weather on this day. In line with the school's uniform policy, children are asked to wear white polo shirts/T-Shirts and navy shorts/leggings/joggers.

ICT

The children will use different devices in school to support their learning. We will start with typing and editing skills which is something they will need as they move forward with their education.

Homework

Homework information can be found in the children's homework folder. I will post homework on Teams for the Monday and the jotters and folders should be returned on the Friday. I keep the homework as straight forward as possible because I know family life can be extremely busy.

Key Dates for the Term

- September weekend: Friday 22 September and Monday 25 September 2023 (inclusive)
- October week: Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2023 (inclusive)