

Welcome to our Primary 6/5 Newsletter!

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Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break.

Interdisciplinary Learning

The class are beginning their Scottish mini-topic, Robert Burns, which will continue through the month of January. The pupils will learn about traditional Scottish food, clothes and history while also studying several famous poems and songs written by Robert Burns.

For the remainder of the term the class will be focussing on Native American Indians as their new topic. During this time the pupils will learn about the history and key events/traditions related to this group as well as create and investigate several tools, instruments, monuments and carvings that grab our interest.

Health and Wellbeing

The pupils will always take part in a Monday morning check in with the class to discuss how we are feeling. The class will also work through the SHANARRI indicators as well as continue to use the 'Emotion Works' programme at different points in the term.

Literacy

The pupils are beginning the term working with several poems, songs and lyrics made famous by Robert Burns. We will be discussing key phrases and figures of speech as well as investigate the Scots language used throughout. The pupils will be encouraged to use Scots language in their writing and will also have the chance to create their own poem with a similar structure to 'To a Mouse' by Robert Burns.

The class will then work with non-fiction texts for a two-week period in order to learn the difference between fiction and non-fiction as well as learn interesting facts and information about a specific topic.

The pupils will then work with their second class novel for the remainder of the term 'The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh' by Helen Rutter which has a great message behind it. The pupils will use and improve their reading strategies when working on tasks for their class novel.

Numeracy

This term Primary 6/5 will begin with a short revision week where they will revise the four functions in maths as well as number work and processes. The pupils will then cover the topics of 2D and 3D shape as well as Time, Money and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.

Mrs Steele will be working with the pupils once a week and focussing on problem solving and mental maths.

P.E

The pupils will begin the new year practising their basketball skills including dribbling, passing and shooting as well as play games with a focus on teamwork. The class will then work on their netball skills and comparing the similarities and differences it has to basketball.

ICT

The pupils will continuously be working with the class iPads for maths and literacy using a variety of apps such as SumDog, Topmarks, Studyladder and Educandy to support their learning.

This term the class will begin another 4 week coding block where they will have the chance to create and design codes to carry out several complex functions and instructions.

Homework

Homework will continue to be uploaded on Monday of each week. During a class novel where a book will not be sent home, the pupils will be given a 'Reading for enjoyment' task where they select a book from the school library or one from home which they will read at home and complete tasks for.

Key Dates for the Term

February Weekend – Mon 12th Tue 13th

Inservice Day – Wed 14th

Parents Night – Tue 12th Mar

Class Assembly – Fri 8th Mar