

2023-2024 Term 2

Back to School

CLASS NEWSLETTER



Teacher: Miss Habashi and Primary 6

Welcome back to school from what I hope was a lovely Christmas break! P6 have come back enthusiastic, energised and ready to learn - a superb attitude for 2024. It has been interesting to hear of the New Year Resolutions they have made too. Pupils will be focusing on challenging themselves this term through hard work and desire to be the best versions of themselves! We have lots of things to look forward to this term; more information about specific events, trips and activities will be sent out shortly. Best wishes, Miss Habashi ☺



Literacy

This term we are exploring lots of Scottish poetry - from Robert Burns to other modern day poets like Matthew Fitt. We will investigate the usage of Scots words and enhance our understanding within poetry. Pupils will also be given the opportunity to recite learned poetry in front of audience.

Reading skills will also be taught through a variety of texts including a whole class novel and group reading. Inference will be one of the main skills we focus on. This is when we use clues from the text to deepen our understanding of the messages and events in a story.

In writing we will be focusing on using the description bubble to enhance detail of characters, setting and events. We will also be learning how to write discussion and exposition texts. Class debates and discussions will generate ideas and consider differing points of view. For example, should animals be kept in captivity?

Numeracy

This term we will be building on a variety of mental strategies using different methods such as: rounding and adjusting, partitioning and bridging. Ask your child about these over the term and I'm sure you'll be impressed with their skills!

Fraction work will involve creating equal fractions, working out the simplest form of a fraction and exploring decimals fractions. Many areas of this learning will be helped by practising times tables regularly.

In whole class maths activities we will be learning to find the area of a triangle and other shapes. Information handling tasks will involve using data and creating line graphs.

Health & Wellbeing

This term we will be focusing on The Glencairn Way - be kind, be honest, be determined and be respectful. Ask your child about what they do to follow The Glencairn Way.

P6 will explore a variety of risks and hazards in order for all pupils to make sensible choices in real life scenarios.

At gym we will be using the apparatus during gymnastics to develop our balancing, agility and sequencing skills. Later on we will also be learning badminton skills so we can send and receive in mini games.

Other Curricular Areas

As a class we have shared our learning interests for this term and our social studies topic will be The Victorians. We will be taken back in time to learn about childhood, Queen Victoria, living conditions, work and school and compare these to our lives today.

Our science topic will involve conducting exciting experiments linked to the water cycle and using this knowledge to learn about bacteria and microbes found in water.

I.C.T. will focus on Stop Motion animation - how to plan, create and put together images to create a story based animation! The pupils are a creative bunch and I can't wait to see their ideas come to life!

Our gym days are:

Wednesday and Friday



Gym kit should include a t-shirt, shorts and gym shoes. A roll on deodorant can also be used if required.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.

For safety, jewellery should either not be worn or covered in tape.

Due to the injuries that can be caused through wearing false/arcylic nails, please note that pupils with these may not be able to take part in all P.E. activities.

What you can do to help your

Hit the Button is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers. The games, which are against the clock, challenge and develop mental maths skills.



Sundog - pupils can login and practise different numeracy topics through a variety of games.



Math Playground

Pupils can access lots of free online maths games.



Spellingframe - pupils can choose spelling rules, practise the words and

Oxford Owls - pupils can use their login details to access a variety of texts suitable for their level. **Amazon** also offer free e-books for children of all ages. **CBBC Newsround** - which allows them to keep up to date with current events and issues.