

2024-2025 Term 1

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# CLASS NEWSLETTER

Mrs Williamson Primary 5



A very warm welcome to Primary 5. We have had a wonderful start to the new school year and I'm very impressed with how the pupils have settled. They are learning new routines well and are already demonstrating a real thirst and enthusiasm for learning. We have lots of fun activities and learning planned and I look forward to working alongside you to support your child to have a successful, enjoyable year. If you have any questions or queries, don't hesitate to get in touch to arrange a phone call or an appointment.

## LITERACY

**Spelling** - Using a variety of strategies, the children will continue to practice and learn spelling rules and patterns. Spelling test will be on a Friday.

**Writing** - This term we will be learning about the features of descriptive, recount and procedure texts and learning how to structure and write these types of texts. We will be focussing on using accurate punctuation, using connectives to support flow and enhancing our vocabulary to include more advanced and ambitious words.

**Reading** - The children will have regular reading sessions in class where they will read fiction and non-fiction books to develop skills in retelling, summarising and prediction. There will be a clear focus on reading for understanding, learning and developing the reading comprehension strategies that we can use to do so.

**Talking & Listening** - We have already began learning about the five key behaviours of quality attention and listening and how this aids learning. Through Circle Time focussed games we will develop and practise these behaviours and filter these in to our class learning times.

## NUMERACY

and

## MATHEMATICS

This term we will be exploring -

- **Measure:** Understanding units of measure, appropriate instruments and estimating length, weight and volume.
- **Fractions:** Simple unit fractions, fractions of shapes, fractions of amounts and fractions on a number line
- **Addition and Subtraction:** quicker recall of number bonds facts and developing more advanced mental strategies
- **Revision of all of the times tables and the corresponding division facts**
- **Time:** Reading and recording 12 and 24 hour time, reading simple timetables, solving time related word problems and estimating and measuring how long tasks take.
- **Place Value:** Count, read, write, order and partition numbers up to five digits.

### Health & Wellbeing

This term we will be working to build our class community and further develop positive relationships with our peers focussing on feelings, teamwork and cooperation. We have been exploring the UNCRC and have developed our Class Charter to ensure we have a happy, respectful and safe classroom. We will also be learning about different foods and nutrition needs, and how advertising affects food choices.

### Other Curricular Areas

Our topics for this term have been chosen by the pupils and will be Scotland and Batteries and Electricity. We will learn about the geography of Scotland, regions and their features, as well as learning about tourism, key landmarks and some of our countries history. Our learning about Batteries and Electricity will be through STEM activities. We look forward to trying to share and celebrate some of our learning with you at home.

**Our gym days are**

**Tuesday and Thursday**

Gym kit should include **shorts** and **gym shoes**.

No jewellery should be worn on gym days and pierced earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons

**Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.**



### Ideas to support your child at home

#### Literacy -

- Encourage your child to read a variety of texts eg books, comics, recipes, instructions. Have them retell, discuss or answer questions on what they have read.
- Oxford Owl website - a variety of ebooks are available for the children to read for free. Click on 'My Class Login'.
- Username - glencairnprimary5  
Password - werock

#### Numeracy

- Adding and subtracting numbers mentally
- Times tables practice
- Telling the time on analogue and digital clocks
- Some useful websites and games:

Topmarks            ICT games

BBC Bitesize        Sundry

Doorway Online