

2023-2024 Term 1

Back to School

CLASS NEWSLETTER



Teacher: Miss Habashi and Primary 6

Dear P6 families, I hope you all had a fun-filled summer despite the dreich Scottish weather! My name is Miss Habashi, and I am excited to embark on this new school year with you. Some of you may already know me, while others might be meeting me for the first time. A little about me: I enjoy spending time with my family, listening to music, shopping, and going on nice warm holidays. Primary 6 is a wonderful year for our pupils as they embrace new senior responsibilities, including buddy duty.

Best wishes, Miss Habashi ☺



We have so much to look forward to in what is guaranteed to be an action-packed term:

Literacy

We will build our confidence in debating while respecting others' opinions. Through collaborative group work, pupils will present their ideas to the class, enhancing their listening and speaking skills.

Through a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poems we will explore reading strategies to enhance our understanding of various texts. Pupils will engage with different strategies to build on their knowledge and comprehension.

In writing we will concentrate on report texts, how to use subheadings effectively and structure our paragraphs. This will involve note-taking and turning these notes into more extensive pieces of writing.

Numeracy

This term, our focus in numeracy and maths will include several key topics. Problem Solving Time Durations: an important life skill that enhances our understanding of time management. Comparing and Ordering Fractions – using our multiplication skills. This area of this learning will be helped by practising times tables regularly at home. We will also reinforce our knowledge of number bonds and use place value to count, read, write, partition and order larger numbers.

In whole class maths activities, we will focus on classifying angles – understanding different types of angles and their properties and use strategies to calculate the area and perimeter of various shapes.

Health & Wellbeing

Our focus will be on developing a growth mind-set, encouraging pupils to embrace challenges and learn from setbacks. This approach will help them grow as individuals and succeed in various situations. We will also be working on understanding and discussing feelings through Zones of Regulation. Pupils will learn effective strategies to manage their emotions, helping them navigate how their feelings can impact their behaviour and mood.

At P.E. we will be diving into hockey! Pupils will learn the correct grip, how to pass, receive, travel with the ball, tackle and shoot. It will be exciting to see their skills develop. Children should bring suitable outdoor trainers since we will take advantage of any Scottish sunshine!

Other Curricular Areas

We are delving into the pages of *The Whale Watchers*, an unforgettable summer holiday adventure. This story raises awareness about the important role whales play in climate change. We will also consider how we can help protect whales and their environment by reducing single-use plastics and reusing these materials in creative ways!

In science, pupils will be excited to learn about the human body and our organs. Through STEM activities, they will explore how our bodies work and the importance of taking care of our health.

I.C.T. will focus on using our Glow email effectively and how we can access applications from different Glow tiles.



Our gym days are:

Tuesday 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/acrylic 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.



Sumdog - 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 then

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.