

**IDL**

Our topic to begin this term is Space. Pupils will start by examining the planets in our Solar System and their distance in relation to the Sun and Moon. Furthermore, pupils will engage with a variety of design projects such as upgrading Astronaut suits, demonstrating their creativity in the planning process.

**Health & Wellbeing**

Our P.E. days this term are **Mondays** and **Thursdays.** In preparation for the Ayrshire-wide, *Day of Dance* Competition, pupils will begin the term by focusing on traditional Scottish dances, both old and new, that they will perform at the event. P5/6 will also dedicate part of their PE timetable to working with Mrs. Lockwood, focusing on Gymnastics. Pupils will strengthen their ability to perform various rolls, sequences and jumps using apparatus.

**Maths & Numeracy**

Throughout the week, pupils will explore a range of mathematical topics, starting with Measurement on Mondays and Tuesdays with Mr Baillie, as well as Whole Number with Mrs Havlin.

Squares – Pupils within the squares group will develop their understanding of perimeter and area of shapes such as right-angled triangles. With Mrs Havlin, pupils will strengthen their knowledge of decimal notation.

Triangles – Pupils will estimate, measure and draw different distances and units e.g. km, m, cm, mm etc. With Mrs Havlin, Pupils will strengthen their knowledge of number within millions.

Pentagons –

Pupils will recognise and use the terms millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres and their abbreviations, With Mrs Havlin, pupils will identify, read and write, in numbers and words, whole numbers to at least 1000 and represent them on a number line.

**Literacy & English**

Reading– This term, P5/6 will be developing their skills in reading comprehension. Exploring a variety of lessons that will targets pupils ability to: infer, use effective questioning and monitoring of characters thoughts and feelings.

Writing – In writing, P5/6 will be developing our skills in writing a description, working closely with Miss Lee and Miss Baillie. We will focus on up levelling our descriptive words by breaking down a descriptive text using thought bubbles. Pupils will also engage in a weekly initiative called *Free Writing Friday.* This opportunity allows pupils to strengthen a style of writing they are interested in or have a desire to improve.

Talking and Listening – P5/6 will engage in a variety of discussions associated with their IDL topic, committees, as well as a range of opportunities to engage with debating; particularly strengthening their knowledge of identifying fact and opinion.

Should you have any questions or worries about your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch at the end of the school day or through making an appointment at the school office.

Mrs Havlin and Mr Baillie

**STEM**

At various points throughout the term, P5/6 will engage with opportunities to work with a visiting teacher Mrs Lee and develop their knowledge of using innovative technologies such as Spheros coding, Green Screen and Stop motion animation. Pupils will apply these skills to a variety of different contexts including their class IDL topic.

**RME**

Pupils will develop their spiritual and moral understanding of world religions exploring the home lives and daily rituals of religious people. This will look particularly at the strict customs of Judaism and Islam and engage pupils in discussion on how religious beliefs can influence decision-making.