



# Primary 5/6 Newsletter



## Literacy

### Reading

This term, pupils will access a range of texts from the school library and digital platforms. Alongside regular reading at home, children will develop comprehension skills by discussing characters, setting, plot and point of view, and recommending books to others for enjoyment.

### Writing

In Writing this term, pupils will focus on narrative writing through Talk for Writing. We will use the model text The Catch as a focus, exploring how the setting is developed and used to engage the reader. Pupils will develop setting and plot, use dialogue effectively, and apply correct punctuation such as commas and speech marks, while building descriptive vocabulary to make their writing engaging.

### Talking and Listening

Pupils will take part in a range of activities designed to encourage curiosity and develop questioning skills. Pupils will learn to identify main ideas and supporting details from texts, make detailed notes under clear headings, and use these notes to show their understanding by explaining their learning to others through group work and class presentations.



## Religious Education

In RE this term, pupils will explore stories from the Gospels, learning about Jesus as a teacher and healer and how his words and actions show love and care for others. Children will identify signs and symbols of the Catholic Church to help them understand celebrations and themes within the Church, while reflecting on how these teachings can influence their own lives and the lives of others.

Welcome to Term Three of Primary 5/6. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break! We have a busy few months ahead of us with a Burns Supper, Scottish mini topic and visits from Sports Specialists. As the days get lighter, we will be spending more time outdoors again, so can I ask that you ensure children are wearing uniform which is suitable for outdoor learning. Please see our school newsletter for more information and dates.

Miss Speirs

## Health and Wellbeing

### P.E

P.E days are **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Our focus this term is Scottish Dancing and Racquet/Ball Skills. P5/6 will have visits from Champions of Change and the opportunity to attend a range of afterschool sports clubs. P.E will take place both indoors and outdoors, weather permitting, so a waterproof jacket is essential.

Can pupils please bring their full P.E. Kit, including separate indoor shoes, **every day**. P.E kits can be left in class. P.E kits are essential to ensure your child is able to participate safely in all activities.

### Mental, Emotional, Social Wellbeing

We are continuing to learn about the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). We will continue to explore team work and understand the skills that we have individually through the Tree of Knowledge. These lessons will encourage working together and explore that to be able to learn effectively we need to know how to work well with others.



## Maths and Numeracy

In Numeracy this term, we will continue to develop multiplication and division skills, with a focus on recall and accuracy. Pupils will solve word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also explore negative numbers through real-life contexts such as temperature, and learn about multiples, factors and prime numbers. Our Maths focus will be on Measure and Data Analysis, developing skills in measuring, collecting and interpreting data.



## Topic

We start this term with a mini topic throughout January as we prepare for our Scottish assembly. Later on, we will move onto our main topic which is Japan. Guided by the pupils questions, we will learn about geography culture and daily life including traditions, foods, celebrations and natural disasters. Developing skills in research, literacy and creativity through practical activities.

## Happy Birthday!

Abigail, Amelia, Sean,  
Rostyk, Jessica, Charlie



We hope you have a great birthday!