Primary 5/6 Newsletter



Literacy

Reading

This term, we will continue with North Ayrshire Reads. Our new class novel is *The Middler* by Kirsty Applebaum, which I hope will be as popular as *Holes*! We will explore what makes a good story while developing our skimming, scanning and comprehension skills.

Writing

Our focus will be on story writing, encouraging pupils to see themselves as authors and writers. We will explore the key elements of storytelling before creating our own mystery stories. We will also write book reviews to celebrate our growing love of reading and use graphic organisers to plan our ideas.

Talking and Listening

Children will build their confidence in speaking and listening through discussions, storytelling and a final presentation on our Romans topic.



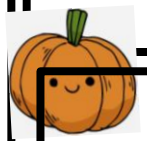
Religious Education

Our P6 pupils will continue working towards their Pope Francis Faith Award, exploring how they can put the Gifts of the Holy Spirit into practice and use their talents to help others within our faith community. P5 will be learning about the life and teachings of Jesus, exploring how we can follow his example in our everyday lives, with a particular focus on the Gospel of Matthew. As we approach the season of Advent, we will also be reflecting on its meaning and preparing for the celebration of Christmas.

Welcome back to Primary 5/6,

We hope you all had a restful October break! The year is flying by, with Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas already on the horizon! Please keep an eye on the newsletter for important dates and events. As always, don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss your child's learning or wellbeing. Here's to a busy and wonderful term ahead!

Miss Greer





Spanish

In Spanish we will be learning vocabulary relating to Halloween, Dia De Los Muertos and Christmas. We will also learn about ordering food and drink.





Topic

As selected by the class, we will explore the world of sharks, investigating their habitats, adaptations and the ecosystems they call home. We will also learn about endangered species, conservation and the impact humans have on our oceans, considering how we can reduce our ecological footprints. This topic will provide plenty of opportunities for learning across the curriculum!

Happy Birthday!

Ezra, Jack, Hayden and Riley

We hope you have a great birthday!





Maths and Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will be strengthening our number skills, particularly our times tables, alongside mental and written methods for subtraction and division. We will also explore inverse operations to help check our answers. Even five minutes of times tables practice at home each day makes a tremendous difference, particularly as we tackle more challenging calculations! In Maths, we will explore angles, symmetry and coordinates before moving on to Data Handling, where pupils will interpret graphs and charts and use ICT to create their own.

Heath and Wellbeing

P.E

P.E. days are **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, and our focus this term will be Dance and Fitness. We will explore dance and music styles from around the world, developing our own routines using 32-beat patterns. We will also look at how dance can improve our fitness and cardiovascular health. As the hall may be in use for Nativity rehearsals, please ensure children have their P.E. kits in school every day. Kits are welcome to be left in the classroom.

Health and Wellbeing

This term, we will be exploring healthy lifestyles and the importance of a balanced diet. We will learn about different food groups, discover foods from around the world and consider how we can make healthy choices in our everyday lives.

