

Primary 6 Term 1 Newsletter - August 2021

OUR VISION, VALUES AND MOTTO

A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

responsi**B**ility

gr**A**atitude

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

hu**M**ility and forgiveness

persever**A**nce

Love

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

h**O**nesty and generosity

Compassion and respect

friends**H**ip

I am delighted to be writing to you to inform you that I will be teaching your child this year. Primary 6 are already settling into the new surroundings of the senior area of the school very well. It has been great to see. Term one will be a busy and exciting session full of consolidation and new learning experiences.

NUMERACY AND MATHS

We will be following the First / Second Level Heinemann Active Maths Programme. The focus of the first term will be Number Processes. This will include the Place Value Topic. In addition to this, daily mental maths skills will be developed through our Number Talks and Chilli Challenges. We will take part in partner activities where possible and safe to do so and use a variety of stimulating resources such as ICT, hands on materials (where safe) and written based tasks. Pupils will have the opportunity to build upon their understanding of 4 digit numbers and work with 5 and 6 digits to develop skills in estimating and rounding, representation of number in words, partitioning and addition/subtraction calculations.

LITERACY

In Primary 6 we will continue the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy Programme. We will begin by consolidating the Stage 4/5 Phonemes and Spelling words and strategies then progress, when ready to Stage 6. During this time the children will learn a more complex way of working using the skills already developed from the work on phoneme families. There will be a great focus on spelling strategies and rules, using affixes and homophones during grammar lessons. Reading will be based around a modelling block of the class novel, "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom". They will be guided through the new Stage 6 strategies and supported by the teacher initially until they feel confident to complete the comprehension tasks more independently. Taught writing lessons will be completed on a weekly basis. This term our focus will be on instructions and narrative writing. These will link to relevant personal experiences and topic work. Your child will be involved in self and peer

assessment where they will focus on developing their core targets ie. spelling, grammar and punctuation skills.

Topic / Interdisciplinary Learning

Primary 6 will be learning about the Tudors and Mary Queen of Scots as part of their Social Studies topic this term. Using a variety of creative, written, and digital based lessons your child will develop an understanding of the history and facts based around the famous ship. They will have the chance to enhance their Thinking Skills through a variety of challenges using research and reading.

Health and Wellbeing

In term one we will focus on the social and emotional health of the children to make sure they are familiar with the new routines of the classroom and ensure they settle in to Primary 6. We will take part in Outdoor P.E sessions for the time being. P.E days for your child will be on a Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Your child should come dressed in their outdoor gym kit to school. They should try to wear suitable clothing for outside and ideally black joggers / leggings with a plain white polo shirt / t-shirt. Girls should not wear earrings or jewellery (or they should bring suitable tape to cover recently pierced ears).

Homework

Your child will be asked to participate in 15 minutes personal reading every night. Your child is welcome to complete their personal reading using their own novels from home and can borrow from our class library when they complete a book. Each child should complete a reading log each week to show their progress, with this signed by the parent. In addition, P6 will choose activities from the termly grid. The grid will cover a variety of maths, literacy, health / wellbeing, topic challenges, and online/digital based links eg. Sumdog and Epic. At the end of the term your child will be asked to share some of the learning gained from the Learning Grid experiences.

I am excited to be teaching your child this year. It will be such a busy and enjoyable year with lots of different experiences and learning opportunities throughout the school year. If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year, feel free to contact me.

My email is gw12patersoncatheri2@glow.sch.uk

You can also keep up to date with the school Twitter page @balmalloch and my own teacher page too @MissPaterson29 where I will post photos regularly of P6s weekly learning experiences.

Many thanks for all the support and I will continue to be in touch with any new updates throughout term one and the rest of the school year.

Miss Paterson

