



## Primary 5 Newsletter

Balmalloch Primary School

Kingsway

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fabulous Christmas break. Term 3 is always a busy and hard working term, with lots to fit in. Our class assembly is also this term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We hope you will be able to join us for that. We also have a student teacher joining us in February, Ms Cullen. We are looking forward to working with her.

### Homework

A list of suggested activities and websites will be handed out at the start of every term.

If your child wishes to complete any of these tasks that is great. Homework can be handed in whenever completed, however the main focus is very much on reading. Every child should be reading for at least 10 minutes a day. We encourage all children to do this and keep a note of it in their reading records. The homework grid can also be found on our class team.

### Literacy

We will continue to build confidence with our class reading strategies. We will continue to work on our fluency and inference skills. We will also be exploring the main ideas of the text. Please ask your child what book they are reading and let them tell you the story so far.

Our writing genres this term will be persuasive and information, these will both tie in with our topic.

As part of Talking and Listening we will be looking at Scots Language. This will include learning a Scots poem, creating a Scots dictionary and acting out some Scots drama activities. The children have already been given their poem, 'The Ballad of Janitor Mackay'. The children will be assessed on their pronunciation, expression, enthusiasm and interaction with the audience.

### Maths

This term we will continue working on division and its link to multiplication. From here we will move onto fractions and decimals. Both these areas will help with our work on money and time.

### Interdisciplinary Learning

This term our topic is the Scottish Wars of Independence. This will allow the children to learn more about the history of Scotland and the impact this has had on our world today. This will also tie in with our Expressive arts programme as we will be looking at Scottish

artists, learning Scottish songs and more Scottish dancing. In ICT we will be continuing to develop our word processing skills and developing our use of Micro bits, using Scratch.

### H.W.B

There is a change to our PE timetable. Our indoor gym days will be Wednesday and Thursday and outdoor gym on a Friday.

Mr Clark will no longer be working with the children, Mrs Murphy will now take RME and PE with the children on a Thursday. This term we will be working on our gymnastic skills. As we will be using the apparatus it is important that the children wear appropriate clothing. Shorts, leggings or tight jogging bottoms, not baggy in case they catch on the equipment. It would also be helpful if the children had trainers on these gym days.

As part of H.W.B. we will continue to look at the Values of the month, these will include Perseverance, achieving your goals and responsibility.

Finally, if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or progress, please do not hesitate to contact me on [NLGrant13@northlan.org.uk](mailto:NLGrant13@northlan.org.uk).

Kind Regards

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