

Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



Class Newsletter

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A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Welcome parents and carers to Primary 6's newsletter for Term 4.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child back to school and to our P6 class for the final term. The pupils of P6 have had a super start to the 2025 already; they have been eager to learn, polite, respectful and an absolute joy to work with. I am looking forward to facilitating your child's learning and supporting their progress, however their welfare will always be my priority. This is the final push towards the end of the year and the focus will be on pushing and challenging ourselves as much as possible to prepare ourselves for Primary 7.

I understand that returning to school can sometimes be challenging for children and anxieties can be heightened. Please be assured that our Primary 6 class will be built on an ethos of respect, positive reinforcement and engagement with learning. I will do my best to make all children feel welcome, safe and valued. I will encourage children to take pride in their work and their choices and I hope they enjoy their learning experiences.

The format to our termly newsletters has changed slightly and you will see an overview of your child's learning for the term in a summarised grid below. Here you will also find standard information about Balmalloch Primary School's Homework Policy, our Snapshot Jotters and our Class Charter. To promote accountability for choices and to create a calm, happy and inclusive environment, the children of P6 have worked together to construct a class charter. There will be a particular focus on our school values throughout the year; P6's values are Humility and Forgiveness. Children will be aware of their rights and encouraged to explore these throughout the year whilst focusing on a different school value each month.

Miss Luxton will work with the class on a Wednesday morning (09:00-11:45) during which she will lead learning in RME and French. P6 will have gym with myself on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons, the later of which being outdoors. Our gym days therefore are **Mondays and Fridays**. Please could you ensure that on these days children attend school wearing comfortable shoes, black jogging bottoms/leggings and a white polo-shirt. If pupils want to change into trainers or more suitable footwear for sport, they can do this on PE days. Please ensure that all of your child's clothes are **labelled** and he/she refrains from wearing jewellery on these days. If your child has earrings which cannot be removed for several weeks, please try and cover them with tape on P.E. days (e.g. Micropore), for health and safety purposes.

As Balmalloch Primary School is a Health Promoting School, could you please ensure that your child only brings water to drink in class. Water bottles can be refilled throughout the day as fruit juices/cartons

should only be consumed at lunch. Although gym days are Mondays and Fridays, outdoor education and activities such as the Daily Mile will often be incorporated in to learning so it would be helpful if children brought a water bottle each day.

If you could also please ensure your child brings their homework jotter in to class each day. At the start of each week (usually a Monday), children will write their spelling words in their homework jotter to allow practise to be completed at home should you wish to do so. In P6 children focus on homophone words, spelling rules, affixes and tricky words which require the use of spelling strategies. The spelling strategies that children learn in class are:

- Sounding out letters
- Syllabification
- Words within words
- Compound words
- Use of analogy
- Mnemonics
- Applying a spelling rule

Children should be encouraged to explain these strategies to you and show you how these can be used to help with spelling.

As always, I am very grateful for your support during your child's learning. Please remember to follow our school twitter @balmalloch for regular school updates and photos of our work in class. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or welfare please do not hesitate to contact me. You can phone the school office to request a call back, send a note in with your child, or email me; enquiries-atBalmalloch@northlan.org.uk

I am very excited for the year ahead and I look forward to speaking with you all soon.

Kind regards,

Mr B Clark
Class Teacher

What I am learning this term:

Health and Wellbeing



PE and Sport: Badminton and gymnastics
(Monday indoor and Friday outdoor)
HWB: SHANARRI Indicators and sexual health

Expressive Arts



Art & Design: Italian Artists
Drama:
Music: Keeping the Rhythm and Beat

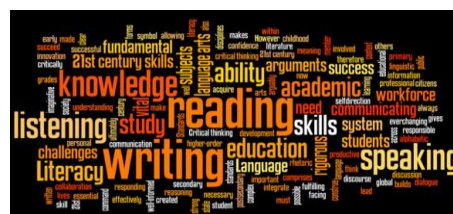
Mathematics and Numeracy



Numbers: Fractions will continue to be the focus initially, we will be finding and fractions of shapes and numbers. We will be finding equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions as well as converting mixed number and improper fractions. We will then link this to percentages and working out how fractions translate to percentages of an amount.

Data Handling- We will be looking at the different ways we can collect data and then display this using a variety of tables and diagrams.

Literacy and Languages



Listening and Talking: contribute to class discussion about texts read, give opinion on themes read.

Solo talks prepared at home focussing on comparing their childhood to a parent's childhood.

Reading: make appropriate predictions about what will happen in a text, use visualisation to explain ideas, read between the lines to discover what the author wants the reader to think, understand and value

Writing: Focus on different types of poetry and discursive writing.

Modern Languages: Italian and French. The Italian lessons will link to our Topic for this term.

Social studies



People and places- We will be focusing on the country of Italy. Studying their culture and their history as well as the geography of the land.

Religious and Moral Education



World Religions: The focus for the term will be on the Christian Faith and notable followers of the faith.

We will also be looking at the French celebration of Bastille Day.

Technologies

School Values



ICT: Developing skills in digital technology; creating and saving documents, sending emails and sharing data.



Primary 6's School Values:

Forgiveness & Humility

Perseverance

Generosity

Homework:

Each month a grid will be given out with a variety of homework activities, these tasks are optional and can be returned to class for me to look at. The main emphasis of homework is reading. Each child should complete a minimum of 20 minutes reading per night which will support reading activities in school. At night the pages read could be recorded in the jotter and the entry signed by a parent. This jotter can be handed in weekly.

Snapshot Jotters:

Each year, children will be given a Snapshot Jotter specific to their stage (P1-P7). The jotter will include a 'snapshot' of children's work each term in Numeracy and Maths and Literacy Across the Curriculum providing evidence of learning and achievement. The Senior Leadership and Management Team will monitor these jotters as part of Quality Assurance procedures, including a Kind, Specific and Helpful comment to support children's progress. In addition, parents and carers will also be asked to comment on their child's work each term, improving partnership working to support a holistic approach to learning and progression.