

## Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



### Class Newsletter

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**BELIEVE IN YOURSELF**  
huMility and forgiveness  
perseverAnce  
Love  
**ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS**  
hOnesty and generosity  
Compassion and respeCt  
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### **A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I cannot believe we are already in our final term of P7/6! This is always an incredible busy term in P7/6 and we will do our best to make it an enjoyable and memorable one for all the children. P7 will be very busy visiting their new high schools and working on our leavers assembly. P6 have their school trip to look forward to on May 29<sup>th</sup>, details of this to follow.

### What I am learning this term:

#### **Health and Wellbeing**



**PE and Sport:** Main focus will be on Central Net & wall games. Our PE days will still be indoor on Thursday. On Tuesdays P6 will continue with swimming while P7 have their outdoor PE.

**HWB:** This term we will be reflecting on my own and other's work and recognising improvement. This term will also introduce our Sexual Health topic which will cover such topics as How Human Life Begins, Pregnancy and Birth

- Being a parent/ carer
- Emotional wellbeing and body image

**RRS Articles:** Articles 6, 28 & 29.

**Values:** Forgiveness and Humility, Generosity and Love

#### **Social Studies**



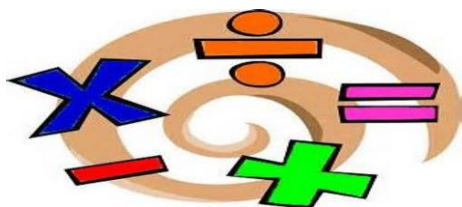
The children have voted for their next topic and the winning votes were for Ancient Egypt.

As part of this topic we will;

research ancient Egyptian inventions and evaluate the way that they have impacted on Scottish society.

- investigate ancient Egypt's location in history in relation to other civilisations.
- compare and contrast the way that the River Nile was used in Egypt to how rivers in Scotland are used today.
- research and create job descriptions for some of the jobs people had in ancient Egypt and compare them to modern day jobs.
- independently research aspects of ancient Egyptian life and compare and contrast them with my own.
- explore the way that climate and the physical environment impacted on the growth of crops.

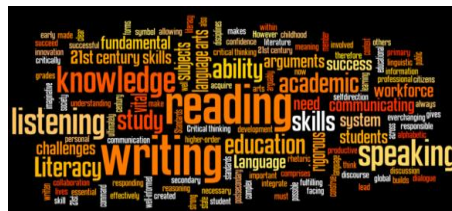
## Numeracy and Mathematics



**Numbers:** Patterns and Relationships, this will involve investigating different patterns and extending sequences. We will also be looking at function machines and using formula. We will also be completing work on percentages.

**Money and Measure:** This term the class will investigate different measurements, grams/kilograms, litres/millilitres, mm/cm/m/km. They will take part in practical activities where they will convert between different measurements. They will look at area and perimeter for both regular and irregular shapes, including triangles. We will also look at budgeting

## Literacy and Languages



**Listening and Talking:** Debate skills which will tie in with discursive writing.

**Reading:** We are continuing to read both Jammy Dodgers on the Run and Pattern of Secrets.

Non- fiction block, working on inference and identifying main themes.

**Writing:** Discursive & Explanation

### Grammar: Prefixes & suffixes

**Punctuation:** Continuing with complex punctuation.

**Phonics & Spelling:** Continuing with NL word lists, looking at prefixes and suffix word families. IDL will also continue.

**Modern Languages:** Children will be working on writing more French to consolidate previous learning.

## Expressive Arts



**Art & Design:** Banksy & proportion/perspective

**Music:** Western European Music through the years.

### Religious and Moral Education



- **World Religions:** Christian symbols.
- Investigate Christian symbols and their meanings.
- Explore what we use symbols for.
- Draw and explain an important symbol that we use every day - school badge, sports brand etc.
- Fact file on symbols - research in books of Christianity

## Technologies



**ICT: This term the children will be taking part in North Lanarkshire's Minecraft Education Build competition. This is a new initiative by NL digital and we were very lucky to be selected to take part.**

**We will be restarting our STEM Fridays with P7, with 8 new activities to enjoy.**

### Homework:

Each month a new grid will be sent out which will have links for videos to explain areas we are working on for 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. Please remember there are activities and printable sheets selected for each maths group and reading group on Study ladder. Your child should have their login, if not I can give them another copy.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support with the children. If you have any questions please email [enquires-at-balmalloch@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquires-at-balmalloch@northlan.org.uk).

Many thanks

Lorna Grant

## Balmalloch Primary School

### Home Learning Tasks - P7/6 - Term 4

Every child **must do** reading homework every night for 15-20 minutes; aim to read whole chapters at a time.

- Include: reading on your own, with a brother or sister, being read to by an adult or listening to an audio book.
- Below are additional activities that with your parents/guardians you can discuss and complete if you choose do so:

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| Be a responsible citizen by helping your parent/guardian around the house - without being asked - remember this includes keeping your own room tidy! Can you find small ways to help the planet in your own home? e.g. switch off lights, re-cycle, have a shower instead of a bath. | Revise maths and/or literacy skills that you need to work on. Use the websites at the bottom of this page to help. Can you challenge yourself to a daily SuDuko puzzle to develop your higher order thinking skills? Try Wordle too. | Visit Kilsyth Library and choose a book you wouldn't normally read. It might be a different author or genre. Write a review. Would you try this genre again? In what way is it different from your usual books? |
| Practise ball skills against a wall and with a partner. Use left hand, right hand and both hands. Can you add a tennis/badminton racket?   | Have a look at clocks around your house. How many are 12h and how many are 24h? Can you convert the times? Look at the time when you start something and check the time when you finish. How long did it take?                       | Plan your safest walking route to high school. Draw a map and label the main features. Highlight any dangers or road crossings along the way.   |

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| Look around your house. How many different types of measurements can you find? Grams in the kitchen, millilitres in the bathroom. Can you measure an area of your house and convert the measurements? Metres into cm or vice versa. | Decide on a subject which most interests you or which you feel you most need to work on. Produce a quality piece of homework about it and show it to your teacher.  | Could you plan and cost a picnic lunch? Your budget is £20. What would you buy? Look at different shops online to compare the prices of similar products. You could also design an invitation to the picnic. |
| What is your favourite memory of primary school? Write about your favourite memory to share with your parents/classmates/teacher.   | Once a day: Switch off your Gaming devices, TV and computers and take time to relax. Listen to music or play an instrument, make up a dance, go for a run, draw or colour in, read a book or just lie back and think of your favourite things, people and places. | Keep yourself healthy by doing 60 minutes of moderate-vigorous intensity physical activity daily. Keep a record of your activities and look for ways to improve.   |

Websites that provide further ideas for Literacy and Numeracy tasks:

- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) (Maths and Literacy Games)
- [www.onlinemathlearning.com](http://www.onlinemathlearning.com)
- [www.dailysudoku.com/sudoku/kids/](http://www.dailysudoku.com/sudoku/kids/)
- Sumdog (use your own login details)
- Studyladder (use your own login details)
- BBC Bitesize KS2 - good for revising all Curricular Areas.
- Primary Homework Help for Kids by Mandy Barrow (Covers all Curricular Areas)
- [howtospell.co.uk](http://howtospell.co.uk)
- Education City (use your own login)
- IDL (For those with login)