

# Primary 5 Newsletter

## March 2025

Dear Parents,

I'm sure you will agree that it is quite unbelievable that we are already in March and the children only have one more term left in Primary 5 ... what another quick year! They are working hard to get themselves ready for Primary 6 in August.

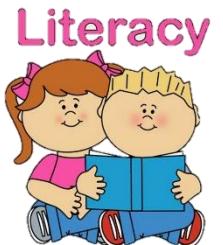
This final term is always the busiest for them but is also a lot of fun!

This newsletter will give you an insight into some of what is happening in your child's final term.

### **Literacy**

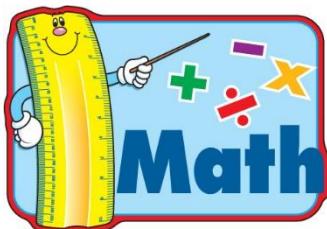
Reading - The children will focus once again on fiction books and will have the opportunity to further develop their skills in using the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy Comprehension Strategies, looking more closely at an author's skill and technique. They will bring a reading book home with homework and your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Writing - In Writing the children will focus on the genres of Persuasive and Explanations.



They will also continue to be encouraged to 'up-level' their daily writing through use of punctuation, conjunctions, adjectives, and adverbs. They will also focus on the use of paragraphs both in text they read in and their own writing.

Talking and Listening - Talking and Listening will be carried out using 'Making Thinking Visible' (MTV) activities.



### **Maths**

The main concepts the children will focus on this term are:

Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; Time; Data and Analysis; Chance and Uncertainty; Angles and Expressions and Equations

Daily Mental Maths will operate within the class through:

Big Maths - focusing on recall of number concepts taught throughout the year and on Times Tables. The repetition of these concepts continues to prove to be hugely successful in the children being able to retain the main number processes, and in being able to transfer the skills into their daily Mathematics work.

Number Talks – in lessons, daily class discussion of number and the different strategies and calculations used to find an answer.

**Please ensure that all Times Tables continue to be reinforced at home. The children who can recall their tables confidently always find their work is easier, because many of the concepts this term heavily involve the use of them, and they can transfer their knowledge at a quicker pace. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.**

### **Social Studies – People in Society**

In our final topic of the school year, we will be focusing on Article 30 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC): Children and young people who belong to a minority group have the right to share their culture, language and religion with other people. We will be focusing on different cultures and religions and sharing the experiences of others to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of diversity and its importance in Scotland's society.



## P.E. – Thursday and Friday

The children should now be taking responsibility for packing their kit in their bag on a Sunday night ready to be left in the cloakroom for the week ahead.

## Outdoor Learning

Now that the better weather will hopefully be upon us, we will take the opportunity to be learning outdoors more. The children can leave a poly-bag in the cloakroom with an old pair of joggies, spare socks and wellies if they have them. A waterproof jacket is always good to have too.



## Sign Language

The children will be learning sign language in this final term with Miss Hamill. They are all very excited about this and I am sure they will be keen to show you their new skills throughout the coming months.



## Homework

Homework is carried out following the St. Michael's policy which was sent out at the end of the last session after consultation with parents. As always, details will be uploaded to our class team along with support guides (all which can be found in the homework folder under 'Files'). Mrs McLennan will set the homework and upload it and Miss Hamill will correct it on a Friday when it is brought to school. Homework should fit around family life and what best suits you.

## Miss Craig

During the month of March, we are lucky enough to have a student teacher, Miss Erin Craig working with us. The children are already showing great enthusiasm to her lessons, and we look forward to working with her and supporting her in her teaching experience.

As always, if you have a concern, worry, or just want to ask a question, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We count ourselves incredibly lucky and feel extremely privileged to teach this class; they are a fantastic bunch of children!

We would both like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support and kindness so far throughout the year and look forward to this final term with your wonderful children.

Kind regards,  
Joanne McLennan and Emily Hamill