



Primary 4/5 Newsletter

October 2025



Literacy

This term the children will continue to explore both fiction and non-fiction texts to further develop their comprehension skills. As part of their fiction reading and **comprehension strategies**, the class will be using the novel **The Demon Headmaster**. Children will use the six **comprehension strategies**, as well as a number of different **reading response tasks**, to help them gain a better understanding of the text.



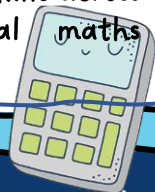
Our writing focus for the coming term will be **narrative writing**. The children will begin to create **character** and **setting descriptions**, as well as looking at **plot** and **structure** of this particular genre.

We will continue to work through our **North Lanarkshire** spelling programme, exploring a range of spelling rules and common words.

Numeracy

Children will continue to develop their mental fluency and number skills using the **Number Talks** programme. This term we will be focusing on exploring strategies for **addition** using carefully planned for 5-10 minute activities.

Within our wider maths children will continue to explore the themes of **number**, looking at written calculations, and towards the end of the term they will also begin to explore **money**. Alongside this the children will continue to develop their **number skills** across the **four operations** through their daily **mental maths** opportunities.



Health and Wellbeing

Physical Education Focus

Our P.E. days for this term will be a **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Indoor P.E. - Wednesday, with a continued focus on handball.

Outdoor P.E. - Friday, with a focus on tag rugby.

SHANARRI Indicator Focus

Each month we have a different focus:

October - Healthy, Healthy Lifestyles

November - Achieving, Food and Health

December - Nurtured, Physical Education Physical Activity and Sport



Wider Curricular Areas

Expressive Arts - This term we will be focusing on **understanding the colour wheel**, looking at the **primary, secondary and tertiary colours** as well as **warm and cool colours**. Children will also begin to create their own Winter inspired art pieces.

Enterprise - As we move closer to Christmas, the children will have the opportunity to participate in our class enterprise project. Their beautiful crafts will be available at our school Christmas Fayre.

RME - This term the children will be learning about the different **winter festivals** celebrated by a variety of different **world religions**.

Play and Outdoor Learning

Within the classroom we are exploring more play, both within a structured context and as free play opportunities.

Our outdoor learning will be planned for in a way that provides scope for children to further explore their class-based learning in different contexts.



Dates to Remember

- 17.11.2025 - Inservice Day (children not to attend school).
- 29.11.2025 - Christmas Fayre.
- WB 08.12.2025 - Christmas Show Week.
- WB 15.12.2025 - Christmas Party Week.
- 18.12.2025 - Christmas Service.
- 18.12.2025 - School closes 2.30pm.

Further events will be communicated.