

Primary 4/5 Newsletter

January 2026



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 learning more about **poetry**. 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 texts and genres of poems. Through our **IDL** and **wider curricular learning**, children will also begin to explore **non-fiction texts**, learning how to identify fact and opinion, as well as the purpose of texts, and how to create efficient notes.

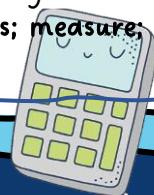
Our writing focus for the coming term will be **recount writing**, along with **information reports**. During our poetry focus the children will also be **creating their own poems**.

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 **subtraction and multiplication** using carefully planned for 5-10 minute activities.

Children will continue to explore the **four operations** at least once a week, while also furthering their learning from previous years on the following areas: **fractions, decimals, and percentages; measure; time; patterns and relationships; and money**.



Health and Wellbeing

Physical Education Focus

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

Indoor P.E. - Thursday, with a focus on Scottish dancing, badminton, and gymnastics.

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



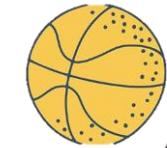
SHANARRI Indicator Focus

Each month we have a different focus:

January - Active, Healthy Lifestyles

February - Respected, Food and Health

March - Responsible, Physical Education Physical Activity and Sport



Wider Curricular Areas

IDL - This term we will have an overarching theme of **Scotland**, where the children will learn more about the country in which they live. We will spend time looking at **historical figures** as well as the **geography** of the country.

Expressive Arts - This term we will be focusing on specific artists, learning more about their unique style and the influence and impact that they have had. The two artists we will be focusing on are **Steven Brown** (as part of our Scotland focus), and **Picasso**.

Science - As a standalone science topic, the children will be learning about the concepts of **inheritance and DNA**.

RME - This term the children will be learning about the different **places of worship** from a variety of religions.

Dates to Remember

- 16.02.2026 and 17.02.2026 - February weekend.
- 18.02.2026 - Inservice Day.
- 05.03.2026 - Parent's Evening
- 06.03.2026 - World Book Day

Further events will be communicated.

Play and Outdoor Learning

We will continue to make use of our purposeful play opportunities, as well as utilising outdoor learning, to help children explore their class-based learning in different contexts.

