



### Literacy & English

**Reading:** This term our whole class novel will be *The Midnight Fox* by Betsy Byars. We will be looking at the genre of this book and how 'suspense' has been created throughout. We will also carry out some comprehension tasks based on the book to help develop our understanding. In addition to this we will use this book as a basis for our grammar lessons. Children will also have opportunities to use GIGLETS to choose a book they would like to read and to delve deeper into the book through completing allocated tasks.



**Writing:** Our Talk for Writing unit is based on the text 'The Manor House' which links to our class novel. We will be looking at different ways to create suspense in our writing through the use of punctuation, grammar and word choice. By the end of the unit the children will have a finished piece of writing which will build suspense in the reader.



**Spelling:** The children are currently working on commonly misspelled words carrying out Active Literacy activities to help support them in the spelling of the words. We will then continue with the Active Literacy programme focusing on phoneme families, common words and spelling strategies.

### Health and Wellbeing

The children will be attending Rugby lessons on a weekly basis. These sessions will be delivered by coaches from Carrick Rugby Club. Active Schools will also be delivering Junior Coaching Academy blocks which will take place over 4 weeks this term.

Through the Good Food School Project, the children will be developing their knowledge of healthy eating and preparing healthy and nutritious food.

### Numeracy & Maths

We have started the term consolidating and expanding our understanding of Place Value through practical, active and written tasks. We will then move onto Estimation and Rounding of whole numbers and decimal numbers and using Number Talks strategies to complete addition and subtraction calculations.



After that we will be learning about Time; how to tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks, telling the time in both 12 hour and 24 hour times, how to interpret calendars and timetables and calculating time durations. These outcomes will all be taught through carrying out practical/hands on activities and completing challenges that relate to the real world.

Through our class bank reward system, the children will be carrying out calculations using money, they will understand the terms profit and loss, and make sensible decisions regarding their spending. This will provide the children with basic finance knowledge.

### Other Curricular Areas and Curriculum Days

We will be starting our Curriculum Days again this term, with our sessions being based on Outdoor Learning/IDL, a sponsored event which will be linked to the South Ayrshire Reads initiative, a wellbeing day and the Harvest Festival.

Our Topic this term is The Ocean. We will be learning all about the oceans, the different species and food chains within the ocean, the names and locations of the oceans and how we can look after the ocean to help with climate change.

The children will be attending music lessons on a weekly basis this year. The first half of this term will focus on singing with the following half being beginning bass instruments. The children will be working with children from other local schools to put on exciting performances.

