Primary 5/6 Learning Overview January – April 20206

LITERACY AND LANGUAGES
What your child is learning in school

Reading: Learning to Recognise How Texts Can Influence the Reader

Your child is continuing their journey as a reader. They will focus on:

- Learning to read smoothly and with expression, using clues and punctuation to understand new texts while spotting the 'tricky' words and words and techniques authors use, such as rhetorical questions, to influence the reader's feelings.
- Developing their critical thinking by learning to distinguish between fact and opinion and identifying which sources are the most reliable.

Writing: Using Their Voice to Influence

Your child will be focusing on the skills of persuasive writing. They will focus on:

- Writing tourist brochures using paragraphs, correct punctuation (like speech marks and commas), and words/phrases and techniques which help to persuade or influence their reader.
- Organising their ideas in a logical way and developing skills in reviewing and editing their writing.

Listening & Talking: Developing Communication Skills

Your child is learning how to communicate with others. They will focus on:

- Learning how to plan and deliver organised talks, practising how to use a clear voice, eye contact, and body language to capture an audience's attention and share their ideas effectively.
- Recognising some techniques used to engage or influence the listener, for example, vocabulary, emphasis, tone and/or rhetorical questions.

Languages: Scots

Your child will have opportunities to continue to develop their understanding and use of other languages. They will focus on:

- Joining in with Scots songs, rhymes and poems and showing understanding through actions or retelling.
- Learning new Scots words and using simple grammar knowledge to help them read and understand.

How you can help at home

- When reading together ask your child to find words the author has used to try to make them develop an opinion on a topic or character.
- Ask them to practise mini talks about their interests to build confidence and a clear speaking voice.
- Ask your child to write a persuasive note or email, using paragraphs and punctuation, to persuade them to get involved with their interests.
- Check your child's Community Group (previously called Communication Group) weekly for their new sound, their 'I See You See and for texts that they can practice their reading skills with which match and consolidate the sounds they have been introduced to and taught.

MATHS AND NUMERACY
What your child is learning in school

Your child is continuing to build a strong foundation in number, time, and measurement through practical and real-life situations and hands on learning. They will focus on:

Numeracy – Multiplication and Division: Working with larger numbers

- Using multiplication and division facts to the 10th multiplication table and practise multiplying or dividing by 10, 100, and 1,000 with increasing fluency.
- Solving multi-step problems using larger whole numbers and decimals.

Fractions, Decimals & Percentages: Understanding parts of a whole

- Learning how to swap between fractions, decimals, and percentages with increasing confidence, for example, 3/4 = 0.75 = 75%).
- Practising calculating 'sale prices' (discounts) and finding fractions of an amount.

Time: Planning and calculating

- Learning to read and record analogue and digital 12-hour time and converting hours into minutes.
- Using calendars or bus/train timetables to plan trips.
- Working out how long an event lasts using real life situations.

Measure: Measuring the world around them

- Learning to use correct mathematical language to accurately measure length, weight, and volume using units like cm, kg, and ml.
- Converting between common units of measurement using decimal notation, for example, 550 cm = 5·5 m; 3·009 kg = 3009 g.
- Learning how to calculate the perimeter and area of various shapes like squares, rectangles, etc.

How you can help at home

- Practise times tables during car journeys, walks or mealtimes.
- Use cooking and baking to practise fractions – 'We need 125ml of milk', etc.
- Involve your child in reading the family calendar and planning upcoming events.
- Support your child in learning to tell the time by asking them what time it is at different points in the day.
- Time conversions – challenge your child with practical questions such as 'We are leaving in an hour and a half – how many minutes is that?'

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

PE & Movement

Your child is developing increasing control over their body, moving with greater safety and confidence. They will focus on:

- Gymnastics: Creating smooth gymnastics routines, learning complex rolls and cartwheels, and understanding how to make a balance more stable.
- Basketball: Practising moving efficiently on the court, focusing on footwork, controlling the ball, and adapting their speed to the game.

Building Resilience: Making a Difference

- Learning about big and small problems in the world and talking about why they happen and what effects they can have.
- Researching an issue they care about and understanding that children can make a positive difference too.

INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

Art & Design

- Your child will develop advanced art skills by using different materials to create depth and texture and will learn how artists use shape and colour in their work.

Religious & Moral Education (RME)

- Your child will learn about religious and world traditions for major life events and develop skills in explaining their own views on these customs.

Social Studies

- Your child will learn how rights belong to everyone and how we can support each other to uphold these rights.
- They will learn how past events and important people or groups helped shape Scottish society.
- They will compare life today with life in the Anglo-Saxon times, sharing similarities, differences, and why the past still matters.

Science: Vibrations and Waves (Light and Sound)

- Your child will explore light through hands-on experiments, learning that light travels in straight lines and can be reflected or distorted by different surfaces.
- They will investigate shadows and rainbows, including how shadows change and how white light splits into the colours of the rainbow (red to violet), and why we can see objects.
- Additionally, your child will research famous scientists to see how their creative discoveries in medicine and technology continue to impact our daily lives.

Technologies

- Your child will develop a wider range of cooking skills, including accurate weighing and measuring, chopping, kneading, and baking safely and confidently.