



**Tinto Primary School**

**Primary 5/6 Mrs Andrews**

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**Term 2 Overview**

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Welcome to Primary 5/6 with Mrs Andrews! We have so many exciting learning opportunities planned this year in the class, which we hope you will be able to share with us on open afternoons, through our app and from the pupils discussing their day with you. At the start of each term, you will receive this booklet to keep you up to date with the terms learning. We hope this helps you discuss your child's learning with them, encouraging them to share their experiences and knowledge and celebrate each and every success along the way. Many of our pupils will also receive an additional letter which shows their personal targets for supported learning and areas of challenge where required. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Numeracy and Mathematics

In number, learners will deepen their understanding of these operations and apply their knowledge to solve real-life problems. We will develop efficient strategies for solving multiplication and division problems, including mental calculations and formal written methods (e.g., long multiplication, short division), and extend our learning to include decimal notation and problems.

Beyond number pupils will explore the topic of Time. They will develop their skills in understanding and using time in practical and real-life contexts. The focus is on enhancing fluency, problem-solving, and the ability to apply knowledge effectively. We will accurately read, write, and interpret time in both 12-hour and 24-hour formats and engage in contextual tasks, such as working out journey times, start and finish times, or planning events.

We will continue to use a wide range of concrete materials, maths games including those showcased at our maths recovery afternoon, and online sites including Heinemann Active Maths and Prodigy, for which all children have been issued with login details.

## Homework

In Primary 5/6 we are beginning to use a home links Google Classroom to share our learning and revision activities with you. All activities are consolidation of spelling, maths and French covered previously in class. These tasks will not be marked or assessed by a teacher but provide excellent support and revision.

Reading will be issued as homework to ensure we can progress through larger texts in a timely manner. Pupils will record their reading homework on a bookmark to save logging in digitally. Reading will be a key focus for all groups this term.

## Language and Literacy

This term learners will engage with a variety of fiction texts to develop their reading comprehension, critical thinking, and appreciation for literature. The focus is on understanding, analyzing, and evaluating texts while fostering a love for reading through a variety of Stonelaw strategies and Blooms questioning skills. We will analyze how characters are developed and how their actions drive the story, discuss the impact of setting on the mood and events of the narrative and evaluate the development and resolution of the plot.

In writing learners will develop their ability to write expositions to communicate opinions and ideas clearly and persuasively. The focus is on structuring arguments logically, using evidence effectively, and demonstrating an understanding of audience and purpose.

## Target Setting

Throughout this year, your child will be setting a series of targets for themselves, challenging their learning and striving for excellence. The targets which your child sets will stem from our termly overview targets and be personalised to specific areas which your child may wish to challenge themselves in, or have found challenging in their learning.

The children are excited to share their targets and learning with you, through the launch of our new digital purple portfolios. They have been working hard to upload, edit and share their work digitally alongside their targets and achievements.

You can also see our 'I am Remarkable' achievements on the pupils websites and share in our wonderful achievements.

## Science

In Science this term we will be exploring the topic of 'The Human Body' learning about key concepts related to the structure, function and health of the human body. We will learn about the main systems of the body, including the circulatory, respiratory, digestive, and skeletal systems. We will:

- Investigate essential processes like breathing, blood circulation, digestion, and how the brain sends signals through the nervous system.
- Develop an understanding of how nutrients and oxygen are transported in the body.
- Discuss the importance of a balanced diet, exercise, and hygiene in maintaining a healthy body.
- Engage in hands-on experiments and activities, such as measuring heart rates, understanding lung capacity, or studying how food breaks down in digestion.

## ICT and Technologies

In this teaching and learning topic, learners will develop their understanding of digital communication technologies and their practical applications. The focus will be on how these tools can be used effectively, safely, and responsibly within and beyond the school environment. We will:

- Explore a variety of communication technologies, such as email, video conferencing, collaborative platforms (e.g., Google Docs), and social media.
- Learn to send and receive emails, participate in video calls, and collaborate using shared documents.
- Recognize potential online risks and how to avoid them, including cyberbullying and sharing personal information.
- Practice formatting messages appropriately, using clear language, and attaching or linking files securely.