**Health and Wellbeing**

This term our main focus for health and wellbeing will be relationships, sexual health and parenthood (RSHP). We will be looking at how our bodies develop during puberty and how to take care of ourselves.

We will be continuing to develop our understanding of ‘Growth Mindsets’ by focusing on where we are achieving and what our next steps in learning are through our Teacher Talk Time. We will continue to celebrate our successes, as with previous years, through Ambassador Awards and Assemblies.

PE
Our main focus within PE this term will be gymnastics and dance. Through these contexts we will be looking at how to peer and self-assess our progress within PE. All pupils will continue to participate in High School PE transition classes.

Social Studies, Expressive Arts and RME

This term our main focus will be learning about the past and the impact of this on the present, we will do this through two contexts. Firstly we have been focusing on the life and legacy of Robert Burns and together we have produced a Burns Supper Performance which focuses on several key elements of Expressive Arts – in particular through music and drama.

After our Burns Supper we will be launching our World War 2 Learning Context. The key focus within this context will be peace and conflict, we will explore this through aspects of Expressive Arts, Literacy, Technologies and Social Studies. Within RME we will be focusing on Judaism and how religion was involved in World War 2. We would welcome any family stories or wartime evidence as part of this context.

**Literacy**Writing: This term we will be focussing on imaginative/creative writing to expand our detail of description, we will be participating in our whole school book writing by creating imaginative WW2 stories. We will also cover persuasive writing linked to our Burns Supper.

Reading: Grouped reading books will be the focus of many of our literacy tasks and discussions. The main focus this term will be scanning the text, selecting the main ideas and strategies to read ahead to enhance fluency. The First Minister’s Reading Challenge will also continue this term and we encourage all learners to keep their reading passport up-to-date.

French: French will continue to be linked with our learning context this term. Some learners may be supported by our DHS Language Ambassadors.

Spelling
Learners will continue to be taught spelling rules and use Nessy both in class and at home. Please let us know if you are having any problems with logging on to the Nessy website.

Homework
Homework will be given out on a Monday and collected in on a Friday. Reading will run from week to week depending on your child’s reading group. This term we will issue a homework grid for our WW2 context which will allow you to complete this over the weekend if you wish.

Transition
Pupils from groups 5, 6, 7 and 8 will continue with their High School Transition on a Monday morning. All classes will participate in PE transition on a Friday morning – details of this will be sent out at a later date.

**Upcoming Events**

* Thursday 1st February 2018 – Burns Supper (6.30-9pm)
* W/B 5th February 2018 – Snapshot Jotter Week
* Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February 2018 – Staff Development Days
* Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th February 2018 – Local Holidays
* Tuesday 20th February 2018 – Snapshot Jotters to be sent home
* Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February 2018 – Parents Evenings
* Friday 23rd March 2018 – Book Launch
Thursday 29th March 2018 – Cathedral Service

**Contact**Please remember if you have any questions or queries to pop them in the homework diary or contact the school on 01786 822351.

Thank you for your continued support.

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**Numeracy**

Daily number work, CLIC and topical maths.

Elements of the numeracy and mathematics curriculum will be taught through our IDL context such as time, scale and money.

Within Numeracy children will explore appropriate strategies to complete complex calculations and word problems with more than one step. Our main focuses within these will be decimals, fractions and percentages.

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