

# Primary 6 Learning Letter: Term 4



April 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 4 in Primary 6. This term the children are looking forward to planning and developing their knowledge and understanding of STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Exciting and challenging lessons and activities will be completed by the pupils, using the context of CSI style investigations. Here the pupils will have the opportunity to developing reasoning and logical thinking within problem solving scenarios. We also have another exciting trip to look forward to, linked to our Health and Wellbeing topic for next term. This will be a busy but exciting term and we are looking forward to continuing to work hard and progress well.

Mrs Ross

## Dates for up and coming events:

28<sup>th</sup> April: Parents Sex Education Evening at 6 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup> May: Primary 6 trip to Edinburgh Zoo

## English & Literacy

This term, P6 will be continuing to develop guided reading sessions within class, supported by Purple Mash reading. Pupils will be encouraged to trial using this fantastic resource as a means of reading a variety of exciting texts, within an ICT based environment. Pupils will be provided with usernames and passwords prior to use and all pupils will be taught how to access the variety of activities and texts found within Purple Mash.

In writing pupils will focus this session on imaginative based stories and texts. We will be focusing on the structure and development of stories and how to incorporate exciting vocabulary into a range of genre. Pupils will also be continuing to make progress in punctuation work to enhance their written pieces. We will be creating stories based around adventure, scary and fantasy genres. Our written work will develop characterisation, place and setting and story structure.



## Maths & Numeracy

In Primary 6 the focus will continue to develop number and number processes work within numeracy, whilst incorporating STEM challenges into our maths.

Maths groups will continue to develop their learning in maths through a variety of learning experiences. Pupils will participate in group teaching sessions, group based tasks and individual written tasks. Our individualised learning targets will be developed and uploaded onto DIDBOOK this session as an excellent way to track our learning moving into Primary 7.

The focus for maths this term will be on fractions, decimals and percentages; money; measure and linked STEM tasks.

We will be participating in lots of practical activities using millilitres, litres, kilograms, and grams.



## Interdisciplinary Learning: STEM- CSI Mid Calder

### Key Questions: -

1. What is the role of a forensic scientist in the real world?
2. What is evidence and how is it examined and interpreted?
3. How do we test something scientifically in a safe environment?
4. How do we ensure a fair and accurate test that has proved or disproved a hypothesis?
5. How is evidence collated to form a decisive conclusion?

## Additional Information

Primary 6 have started P.E. sessions with Mrs Mitchell on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days including warm clothing for outdoor sessions.

## Health and Wellbeing

P6 and 7 will be holding a Sex Education parents meeting to discuss how this topic will be developed within our health curriculum.

An open afternoon will also be held in April for AAL (Anytime Anywhere Learning) and in May for STEM learning showcases.

## Homework

Spelling homework will be given every Monday and should be handed in on Friday. Reading homework will be set through Purple Mash "2Do" activities and should be completed for the given time.

Maths homework will be given out on a Tuesday to be handed in on a Friday.