

Primary 6 Learning Letter: Term 3



January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 3 in Primary Six. We are looking forward to a very busy term, focusing and concentrating on lots of hard work and effort into our Maths, Reading and Writing. We will be using our context for learning in our IDL to engage with current social and political news, studying and broadening our knowledge of all things Europe. We will be learning about politics and are very much looking forward to learning the skills required to speak confidently in public, to participate in debating and to hopefully answer some of our questions about Brexit. P6 will also be taking part in the West Lothian heats of Euroquiz 2019. Four children will be selected to take part in the heats and hopefully win a place through to the grand final that will take place in the Debating Chamber of the Scottish Parliament in May 2019. Euroquiz creates an enthusiasm for learning, developing pupils' ability to work in teams and communicate effectively, ultimately increasing their confidence and range of core skills. Subjects covered include languages, history, geography, culture and European affairs.

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English & Literacy

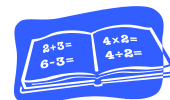
This term, P6 have begun the year by engaging with Scots language. We have all worked well to learn one of Robert Burns' poems for our Burns assembly. We have investigated the structure, layout and purpose of a glossary, then using this knowledge to learn Scots vocabulary, organising words and learning their definition. We will continue to access Scots language through writing and spelling activities. Moving later into Term 3 we will be focusing on functional writing pieces which will link into our IDL topic, using current political and social issues. In reading we are continuing to develop our reading skills using Literacy Evolve and we are looking forward to completing tasks focused on our new class novel Eye of the Wolf this term. Through our IDL context for learning, we will be developing our Listening and Talking skills by delivering speeches and participating in formal debates using current news items.



Maths & Numeracy

We have begun focused Numeracy work in our maths groups at the beginning of this term.

We are using Countdown in our mental maths sessions to improve mental agility in multiplication and division, addition and subtraction. Throughout this term we will be consolidating our knowledge of the four operations with an added focus on multiplication and division. We will also be learning fractions, decimals and percentages, building upon knowledge developed from the previous year. In class maths lessons we will be learning about angles, position and movement, data handling and information processing using spreadsheets and graphs/bar charts/pie charts etc. This will link into our IDL context using the Scottish Census to gather information about the population, how to analyse the data and then selecting the relevant display method.



Interdisciplinary Learning: Europe

Key Questions: -

1. Where is Europe within the world?
2. What countries are part of European Union
3. What is a democratic society?
4. What is involved in the election process?
5. What is Brexit, and what is its impact?

Additional Information

Please encourage your child to bring full PE kit at the beginning of the week, which will be returned from school on a Friday. This term we have Futsal on a Tuesday and PE is **Thursday**. As part of our ongoing discussions and developments in our Health curriculum, we are constantly raising awareness of the importance of self-hygiene. Please also consider providing the children with outdoor PE kit (joggers etc) to allow us to maintain our healthy attitudes during all weathers!

Important Dates!

February Holiday – Monday 18th Feb/
Tuesday 19th Feb
Trip to Scottish Parliament end of
March beginning of April, dates will be
confirmed nearer the time.
Euroquiz – Friday 1st March

Homework

Pupils should continue to **read for their own enjoyment** from books, magazines, comics, annuals, kindles etc.
Homework choice sheets will be issued for Scots Literature/ Burns poems, and following on during the Term, pupils will complete research tasks related to our IDL topic. The children should also be learning about Europe to help with the Euroquiz in March.