



P5/6 Class Newsletter  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents,

Primary 5/6 have had a busy start to Term 3! Below you will find some information about what the pupils will be experiencing and learning over the next term. I hope you find it useful. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

### Numeracy & Mathematics



#### Mental Agility

Our mental agility sessions will mainly focus on multiplication and division this term. We will focus on the link between 3,6 and 9 times table having covered 2,4 and 8 last term. We will investigate the best strategies to use to calculate quickly and work on instant recall of these tables. Pupils have been practising several card games and Activelearn/Education city & Hit the button games to help with this.

#### Number and number processes (multiplication, division, patterns & relationships )

P5/6 will continue to extend the range of numbers that they can work with. We will look at number patterns and sequences involving add, subtract, multiply and divide and identify the rule being used ~ e.g start at 2 and add on 3 each time, start at 56 and take away 7 each time. We will look at multiplying and dividing numbers by one digit, by 10 and 100 including the formal written method. We will learn new methods for solving problems. They will be encouraged to explain their problem solving approaches and solutions with others.



#### Angles



This term P5/6 will revisit angles with Mrs McLean. They will look at identifying different types of angles, drawing and measuring angles accurately.

Every pupil has Education City Homework folders which can be accessed from home to consolidate learning.

### Literacy & English



#### Reading & Writing

This term, the focus will be reading fiction and personal and imaginative writing. Pupils will read and discuss fiction texts (novels) looking at setting, plot, characters and theme. They will answer and ask different types of questions to help their understanding of the text. Pupils will continue to extend the length of personal and imaginative stories thinking about setting, character and plot. They will continue to develop independence in proof reading and editing their work, looking at punctuation and spelling.



#### Spelling

This term, we will continue looking at spelling patterns and spelling rules and revisit common word spelling. Each week, pupils will analyse words and play active spelling games to learn their word lists. We will use the terms prefix, suffix and root words when building words. e.g late, relate, relation.

## **Head Teacher's Writing Challenge**

This comes to an end on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Any pieces on Google Docs should be shared with [kerrie.laird@glenurquharthigh.org.uk](mailto:kerrie.laird@glenurquharthigh.org.uk) by then, and HT challenge jotters (green) can be handed in to Miss MacDonald. All pupils who have written a piece-per-week will receive a star writer pencil. One P5/6 will receive a £10 book token. Good luck!

## **Health & Wellbeing Substance Misuse**

P5/6 will learn about the effect that a range of substances including tobacco and alcohol can have on the body, the mind and relationships.



## **PE/ Expressive Arts**

P.E will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** this term. This term pupils begin by showing their wonderful teamwork & creativity through group creative dance. Pupils are welcome to keep their PE kits on their cloakroom pegs or in their trays.

## **Modern Languages**



### **French**

This term we will revise personal introductions/ information and learn about pets/animals and weather.



### **Gaelic**

This term, P5/6 will learn about feelings, pets/animals and weather. The Go Gaelic website has lots of resources to support these topics at their website: <https://go-gaelic.scot/topics/>

## **Topic: The Jacobites**

Our topic for the first part of this term is 'The Jacobites'. We will look at when and where this fits into Scottish History. We will research key people and places and how it changed life in Scotland. Our Feis Rois sessions will focus on learning songs and stories from this time.

## **Religious and Moral Education**

This term, pupils will discuss the concept of commitment and what is meant by it. They will also explore the concept of sacrifice and why sacrifices may be made. They will examine and discuss a range of religious and non-religious commitments and sacrifices made by others. They will find out about non-religious, Jewish and Christian coming-of-age ceremonies and marriage within Hinduism.



## **Sciences and Technologies**

As well as their weekly science lesson with Mrs Mann, pupils will also complete science activities during British Science Week (6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March.) The theme for 2020 is '**Our Diverse Planet.**' Activities are based around diversity in different areas, e.g. biological diversity, social diversity and the diversity of knowledge. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

## **Pirates of the Curry Bean**

All the speaking parts have now been cast for our school show, which we will perform in late March! We will get in touch with dates and times for our performances soon. P5/6 will have rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes as and when needed. For more information, please visit <http://www.craighawes.com/musicals/pirates-curry-bean>

## **Class Blog**

Please remember to look at the P5/6 class blog for learning and event updates via <http://www.glenurquhartprimary.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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