



This is the Primary 6a and Primary 6b newsletter for January-April 2023. You will find lots of information about the learning which will be undertaken this term. We hope that you find the information useful and that it will help you to support your child's learning at home.



Literacy - Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing

This term, Primary 6 will be looking at Discursive writing. We will identify the features and key phrases used in this genre. We will then progress onto writing our own piece of work discussing whether or not Scots language should be part of the curriculum. We will be using our ipads to complete this writing. We will also be learning a Scots poem in preparation for Burns Night. Children will choose their poem from a small selection and then perform in front of their peers. Spelling words will be given out once per week and children will be assessed fortnightly.

Maths and Numeracy

Our topic maths lessons will be about co-ordinates, beginning in the first quadrant then moving onto learn about the second, third and fourth quadrants. Once confident with this topic, we will move onto time, interpreting timetables, calculating time durations and making the link between time, speed and distance.

As always, we will be looking to improve our times tables and mental agility. We will be using a combination of textbooks, apps, online games, worksheets and active learning during lessons.

Other Curricular Areas

Our topic this term is Natural Disasters. We will be looking at the different kinds of natural disasters, such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis. We will be studying the causes and effects of these catastrophes. This topic will also cover climate change and the effects humans have had on the world.

We have begun to learn Spanish this term and will revise colours, numbers and greetings, before progressing onto details about ourselves.

Health & Wellbeing

In P.E. we will work under the supervision of Mr Douglas. We are developing our knowledge and practise of team sports as well as hand/eye co-ordination.

Health and Wellbeing continues to develop the skills needed to be resilient. This term the HWB topic is Respect Yourself. The learning points are *No one is like me, Everyone has different strengths and I treat myself with respect.*

Home Learning

At home, please encourage your child to practise spelling words in preparation for the fortnightly tests. We would always like children to read a book of their choice as much as possible. Children can also access Sumdog from home, to practice maths and numeracy skills learned at school.

On occasion, unfinished pieces of class work will be sent home for completion if your child has not produced satisfactory work during a lesson.

Ethos & Wider Life of the School

We have been studying the *Global Goals* and will continue to learn about them this term and that what we do has an impact on others and our environment.

Comments about your child's learning can be found on Learning Journals. If you have difficulty accessing them, please get in touch.

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