

## Primary 5/6 – Term 3 2017-2018

Happy New Year! A warm welcome back to school this term. Term 3 looks to be a busy and exciting, with lots on and many new opportunities for learning.

**Curricular Areas:** In maths, we will be looking at properties of shape, including symmetry, area and perimeter. We will also develop the important life skill of telling the time, reading and using timetables and calculating durations. In Literacy, we will be reading our group novels and books, using Active Literacy strategies to help us understand what we read. In terms of grammar and punctuation we will be looking at punctuation, including speech marks, commas, apostrophes and paragraphs.

### First Minister's Reading Challenge

As a whole school, we are continuing to take part in this challenge and everyone has a reading passport in school. We encourage the pupils to read books of their own choice, at school for a short time every day. Children may bring a book from home, or the library, to read in school. As a class, we will visit the school library regularly, providing a further opportunity to choose books to read. Please encourage your child to find books that they enjoy and read in their leisure time. Keep looking out for information about special events in school or reading challenges to try.

### Burns Poetry Recitals

Each class have a Scots Poem to learn and practise at home, after having input at school. The pupils will be asked to recite their poem in class. Two pupils will be selected from each class to take part at the school's Burns' Assembly on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

### Miss McLemon

We welcome Miss Laura McLemon, our PGDE student, back this term. She will be working with the class again for three weeks, beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### Class Assembly

We will be planning and preparing for our class assembly this term, which takes place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Our assembly will focus on 'Fairtrade' as Fairtrade Fortnight takes place during the following two weeks.



### Homework

Pupils will continue to learn and write out their spelling words at home and complete a spelling activity chosen from the grid. In terms of maths homework, pupils choose a game to support the maths topics they are covering in class. Talk homework topics will be given out every week (input in assembly and class).

### Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

- Class topic 'Victorians'

The children will be selecting an individual, whose life and work made a significant impact on society, to research. They will be sharing their findings through presentations which they have created.

Pupils are also encouraged to find out about any area of the topic which interests them. If they (or you) have local or family knowledge, or artefacts, to share, we would be most grateful.

- Class assembly – Fairtrade

We very much hope that you will be able to join us and see what the children have been learning.

DAY	WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING/WHAT'S ON
EVERY DAY	Water bottle, homework jotter, home-school diary and a book to read. Please ensure that all items of school uniform and jackets are labelled with your child's name. Please bring in a PE kit – shorts, t-shirt, gym shoes etc. The kit should be in class all week and taken home on a Friday. A note will be sent home if children do not bring the correct PE kit.
MONDAY	Library.
TUESDAY	Outdoor PE on the MUGA - weather permitting (Please take suitable clothing). French with Miss Ruxton.
WEDNESDAY	Primary 5s – swimming in the afternoon
THURSDAY	RME with Mrs Vivier, Music with Mrs Tavendale.
FRIDAY	Assembly, indoor PE in the hall and T-TRAIN 31 TIME!