



This is the Primary 5A newsletter for January to March 2019. You will find lots of information about the learning which will be undertaken this term. I 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 we will start by reading, reciting and writing in Scots ready for our Scot's night. We will continue reading fiction books, moving onto non-fiction after half term. We will be focussing on asking and answering more complex questions and on developing skills in note taking. We will also ask each child to give a short talk showing us something they can make or do. Later in the term children will start to learn Spanish once a week with Mrs Wade.

### **Maths and Numeracy**

Children will continue to work on their times tables. They will move on to multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. We are going to extend the children's place value knowledge by introducing decimals. We will also look at the order of calculations when there is more than one process in a sum. We will continue to work on telling the time/ calendars and timetables. Children will look at information handling using real results when they take part in the university anatomy project and the RSPB big bird watch. Once a week we have been working with partners in P5b to develop our problem-solving skills and they will carry on with this.

### **Other Curricular Areas**

Using the royal institution Christmas lectures children will find out more about DNA, genetics and identity. We are also going to do a mini project 'anatomy adventures'. The children have asked to find out more about the Vikings and for our John Muir award we will find out about common birds, complete the big bird watch and make bird feeders. We will continue our visits to sculpture workshop.

### **Health & Wellbeing**

Our school focus is on setting a goal and working to achieve that, including thinking about what motivates us and dealing with setbacks. We will also playing co-operative games to develop social skills; such as respectful disagreement and assertive communication.

### **Home Learning**

As it is the new year we are going to set the class a challenge for everyone to be reading for 20 minutes every night. We try and visit the library every Tuesday so that they can choose something they want to take home and read. Children will continue to get spelling home on a Monday. This term it would be great if you could help your child learn a Scots poem and later on help them to prepare a talk. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables if they are not yet fluent with these. Details of how to take part in online family chats with Scientists will also be sent home.

### **Ethos & Wider Life of the School**

P5b are enjoying the privilege of eating their packed lunches in the Anchor Building: "No more queues!" Some of the class are participating in a pupil led activities: for example book group, library club and lego club. Sports clubs are up and running with basketball, football and dance after school and badminton and gymnastics at lunchtime. Please sign up!

### **Events and Information**

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