



Curricular Newsletter
Term Three 2023/2024
(Jan-Mar)

Literacy

This term we will be writing imaginatively, creating settings and characters. We will look at effective vocabulary and phrasing, including similes and metaphors, as well as using sentence openers and connectives to enhance our writing. We are using the laptops to publish and edit our writing alongside handwritten work. We will learn to summarise texts, infer and draw conclusions from the information given in the text. We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of punctuation, including correct punctuation of direct and reported speech, and explore irregular words which do not fit usual rules when changing tenses.

In art we will continue to explore scale using black pen and pencil to create images and objects. We will be using shading techniques to show contrasting light and dark effects. We will begin to develop our understanding of 'Impressionism' exploring and producing work in response to Claude Monet, Alfred Sisley and Paul Cezanne.

Outdoor Ed (long sleeved uniform and wellies/jackets): **Monday (from February)**
PE (wear school uniform PE kit all day): **Thursday and Friday**
Please bring red folders, home/school books and reading books daily.

Maths

P4 will learn all remaining times tables and related division facts this term, including dividing with remainders. P5 will consolidate knowledge of multiplication facts and use these to multiply and divide beyond the tables, including using place value to multiply and divide by 10/100 and mental strategies such as repeated addition or subtraction to divide. P6/7 will extend their knowledge of written division methods to include more complex examples. They will find fractions, carry out the four operations with decimals and convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. We have a class set of micro:bits which we are looking forward to coding with!

In music we will continue to develop understanding of musical notation, rhythm and pitch. We will learn to play the recorder together in different parts. We will continue to explore different genres, this term our focus will be on Scottish Musicians and Folk Music.

Health and Wellbeing

We welcome Mr Galashan from Active Schools to continue our learning in gymnastics in the first half of term. We will be learning to attack and defend in different sports and complete circuit challenges. We will be learning about expressing our feelings and how we can develop respectful relationships.

We will be learning about the water cycle. We will learn about the properties and uses of water. We will look at changing states, dissolving and conservation and cleaning of water in the environment.

We will learn to describe features e.g. hair/eye colour in French.

We will read Varjak Paw by SF Said.