

Primary 5/6/7

Term 3 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. We have got straight into the timetable for term 3 and it's another busy one. We have some visitors again in school this term. Miss Cormack is with us for three weeks before moving on to her next placement. We have Bible Alive sessions each Friday to learn about what Christians believe and we have a coach from Garioch Rugby Club to teach rugby skills for four sessions. We will be having Scottish week in school as usual and the children have been given their poems to choose and start learning. There will be a little time to practice performing these in front of their classmates but these need to be practiced mainly at home. Thank you for your help with this.

Topic

Miss Cormack is teaching a mini topic about Democracy for the three weeks she is with us. The topic is largely discussion based and it was great to hear the children talking about what they know about this in the first lesson. The main topic this term will compare and contrast the countries of Scotland and Italy. We will be looking at the geography of the two countries, their history and their culture as well as making and tasting some food.

Health and Wellbeing

Eco groups will continue to learn about biodiversity, climate change and healthy living. As mentioned, there will be four rugby sessions and the children will also be learning basketball skills.

Literacy

Spelling

Children will continue to practice given words using Spelling Shed where they can play activities themselves or compete against each other.

Writing

We are beginning the term by writing a variety of poems to link with the poetry competition in Scottish Week. The weekly grammar lesson will continue to support the children in their writing.

Reading

Children will continue to be listened to reading in a group each week. The book will be sent home to complete more for the following week. Children will also have the opportunity to read a book of their choice independently, attend the school library each week and share a class novel. The weekly reading comprehension activity will continue to help children develop their reading skills.

How to help at home

Please continue to encourage and ensure your child is reading regularly, whether independently or with you, and that they are accessing Spelling Shed. At the beginning of the term, please help with learning the poem for Scottish Week.

Numeracy and Maths

We will be covering a variety of maths topics this term. On Fridays, the children will begin working on the topic of statistics, developing their understanding of how to display and interpret data before moving on to investigating position and direction. Here, they will look at how to use a grid, plot co ordinates and use compass directions.

On the other days, we will begin by learning about decimals. We will be rounding decimals to the nearest decimal point, multiplying and dividing them by 10, 100 and 1,000 as well as comparing and sequencing them. We will also be looking at their equivalent fractions and percentages and calculating the percentages of amounts. Towards the end of the term we will be returning to fractions to recap work on this including ordering and comparing fractions, finding fractions of amounts and making and recognising equivalent fractions. We will also be adding and subtracting fractions including using mixed and improper fractions.

How to help at home

As always, the best thing to be practising at home is times tables as they are used in so many areas of the maths curriculum. The children have access to Maths Shed as well as TT Rock Stars to help with this.

Thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch about anything relating to your child in school.



Hatton of Fintray School – Fiona Smith – Head Teacher

Timetable



Monday – Maths, Literacy, Science, Reading, Library.

Tuesday – Literacy, Maths, French, Technologies, Drama.

Wednesday – Maths, Literacy, Topic. (Rugby for 4 weeks)

Thursday – Maths, Spelling, Reading, PE.

Friday – Maths, RME, Eco, PE.

Please refer to your child's reading record for the days in which your child's reading will be heard in class.

Please make sure your child has a freshly filled water bottle, appropriate clothing for the cold weather and waterproof outdoor shoes to enable them to enjoy learning experiences outdoors this term. It would be helpful to have a spare pair of joggers for outdoor PE this term.

All pupils should have a pair of indoor shoes/plimsoles/trainers so they are not sitting in cold wet shoes in the classroom.