



# Primary 5 Newsletter

Term One

We hope you all had a marvelous summer, and are ready for an exciting year ahead!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



## Literacy and English

Our class novel this term is *The House With No Name* by Pippa Goodhart. The children will be exploring a range of different reading strategies and expanding their vocabulary accordingly.

Our writing focus this term is on creative writing with emphasis on a series of *Quick Impact* lessons. This will allow the class to challenge themselves towards working at a P5 level.

Spelling will make up a key part of the weekly homework programme with words being introduced to the class on Monday and a test on a Friday morning. There will also be an expectation of continued recreational reading.

## Numeracy and mathematics

For maths this term, the children are studying addition and subtraction strategies, both mentally and in written format.

Beyond number, the children will be analyzing, interpreting and displaying data in graph and table form. The information being used will be linked to our topic of Natural Disasters.

## Social subjects

As part of our topic, the children will be learning about geographical features, what caused them, and where in the world they occur. We will also be studying well-known natural disasters, and current events around the world.

## Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus will be athletics. The class will be taking part in the *Great Scottish Run* at the end of September and training hard for it in the preceding weeks. We will also be developing an understanding of what our bodies need to remain healthy.

Please remember to provide a PE kit which can be left in class for Mondays and Thursdays.

## Expressive arts

For our main art project this term pupils will be creating a papier-mâché volcano. Drama will be based around our *Natural Disasters* topic.

## Religious and moral education

Pupils will be learning about new beginnings and managing emotions with others.

Assemblies held by our DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

## Science

As part of our *Natural Disasters* topic, the class will be examining extreme weather systems and volcanic processes. They will also analyse temperatures and carry out experiments relating to heat and wind.

## Technologies

The children will use ICT to undertake research. They will also explore the construction of earthquake-proof buildings and structures, working with a range of materials.



### Dates for your diary:

w/b 5<sup>th</sup> September: Global Citizenship Week  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept / Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Holiday Weekend  
w/b 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Health Week

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct: Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct: Holiday  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Start of Term 2