

# Primary 5 Newsletter

Term Two

October - December

The nights are fair drawing in....



Wrap up warm, and stay safe  
when you're out and about!



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



## Literacy and English

Linking with our class topic of *Chocolate*, the class will be studying the classic Roald Dahl novel, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. There will also be lots of opportunities for reading for enjoyment.

The children will be examining formal and functional writing this term and will be looking at the effects of persuasive writing. They will then use their persuasive styles to present advertising campaigns.

Weekly spelling words will continue to be part of the children's homework.

## Numeracy and mathematics

The children will continue to investigate multiplication and division, and consider how these connect to real life scenarios.

We will also be examining time, using 12 and 24 hour clocks, as well as counting down towards the New Year using calendars.

## Expressive arts

### *Art and design*

Art will be linked to the class's *Chocolate* topic and different painting techniques will be studied. Remembrance Day and Christmas themes will also be stimuli for artwork.

### *Drama*

During drama lessons, we will focus on characterisation, basing our learning around the class novel, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

### *Music*

The music focus this term will allow the children to explore different parts of an orchestra and the roles each instrument plays. Tempo and effect will also be discussed.

## Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus in school will be invasion games.

The P5 boys will begin their swimming block on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, while the girls will receive football input.

Please remember to provide a PE kit/swimming bag which can be left in class. PE days this term are Monday and Thursday.

Please note: As per Glasgow City Council policy, football strips, from **any** team, should not be worn at school.

## Religious and moral education

This term, the children will be focusing on Remembrance Day. We will also explore the significance of Christmas, and the Nativity story.

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

## Science

P5 will be examining climate as part of this term's topic, as well as changes in the weather. We will be examining the impact that changing temperatures have on objects, including melting and freezing.

## Social subjects

Our class topic is *Chocolate* and the class will be researching the history of chocolate, where chocolate comes from, and the implications of trade.

## Technologies

In the lead up to Christmas the children are going to design and create their own board games in pairs. They will then construct them by using any recyclable products that they bring in, and share them with their peers.



### *Dates for your diary:*

23<sup>rd</sup> November: Winter Fair

12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity performances

20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas parties

20<sup>th</sup> Dec: School closes at 14:30

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> Jan: Start of Term 3