

## Language

### Reading

We are continuing to work on our group novels, looking to reinforce previous work done, as well as extending our knowledge of analysing and understanding text, by using a wide range of activities. We aim to become ever-more confident and independent with our thinking. In addition, for a short period we will look at some Scottish Poetry to aid our understanding of who Robert Burns was and why he is celebrated.

### Writing

This term in our writing we will be looking at persuasive writing and trying to use persuasive language to alter opinion. In addition we will be focussing on using connectives and paragraphing.

The children will have many opportunities to work cooperatively throughout our Literacy work.

## Expressive Arts and P.E.

In Physical Education, through gymnastics, pupils will develop the concepts of respect and tolerance as they learn to share space and equipment safely, take turns and work closely with a partner.

**Art:** In our art we will be using a variety of media to help bring our topics to life.

**Drama:** This term our drama will be based on 'The Last Wolf' by Michael Morpurgo. Children will dramatise parts of the story.

**Music:** Mr Mabon will use music and song to enhance out class topics.

## Health & Wellbeing

This term the key message throughout the whole school is our connectedness to one another. The aim is for the children to recognise their similarities with those around them in an effort to create better relationships with others. This will be discussed at assemblies and we will carry out some related tasks in the classroom.

## Primary 4/5 Curriculum Overview

### Jan—Apr 2019

This term is quite a long term and therefore we will cover 2 topics. Firstly we will be learning all about Kelso, The Borders and Beyond. This will involve us looking at local maps, Scottish Borders and Scotland, familiarising ourselves with the shapes of the land and some simple map skills.

Later we will learn about our bodies and how to stay healthy.



### How you can help

- Encourage your child to practise their spelling words/phonemes by trying out fun and interesting tasks.
- Please ensure reading is done regularly; discussion about the text is a vital part of this—often children will have 3/4 separate 'chunks' of reading to complete each week and it is important for them to keep pace as far as possible.
- Encourage independent learners by asking your child to bring the required equipment to school on the correct days. Thank you for your on-going support!

## Technology

### ICT & Media

This term we will be using MS PowerPoint to create a presentation about a Scottish Landmark. We will also continue to access Maths games on-line to enhance the numeracy and maths learning currently taking place this term. Later in the term we will learn about email.

## Numeracy & Maths

### Number

Our main focus this term will be **Multiplication, division and then addition and subtraction**. In addition will work of fractions and decimals. The children will be working on learning their times tables and will have a personal focus table each 1/2 weeks. I would be grateful if you could help your child by reinforcing frequent practise.

### Maths

This term we will be working on **Shape, position and movement as well as data handling and analysis**. We will identify both 2D and 3D shape names and some of the related language such as edges, vertices etc. We will gather data relating to our topic and use bar graphs, pie charts, tables etc. to organise this in an interesting way and discuss our findings.