

## Literacy

### Reading

At the beginning of Primary 6 we will be interrogating our modelling block text, 'Sky Hawk' by Gill Lewis. Through this novel, we will analyse the text, develop the six reading strategies, and discuss main events, characters, and themes in this book. Later on this term we will ask the children to apply these learned strategies to another fiction novel. Furthermore, there is time set aside every day for our pupils to escape into their book of choice from our class library.

### Writing Skills

The start of a new year is a great time to make resolutions and we will be working together to improve our handwriting. The authors in P6 will also investigate how they can make their writing more mature by using interesting Vocabulary and various Connectives to extend their sentences.

### Genre Writing

Using "Sky Hawk" as a stimulus, we will begin the year by writing in the **narrative** genre and focus on helping a reader to picture a scene, character or action by using lots of description. We will continue to write imaginatively when **recount** historical events from the perspective of various characters in Scotland's history.

### Spelling

We will be revisiting some of the most common phonemes and breaking down unfamiliar words into individual sounds with a view to making our spelling more accurate. We will also work on learning those challenging words that don't follow the rules.

## P6BB

### Curriculum Overview

August - October 2021



This term we will be diving into the history of Scotland. The topic starts with discussing what freedom means and continues with the Wars of Independence. We will research the Jacobite risings and end our term looking into what Scottish Independence means today.

## Numeracy & Maths

### Addition and subtraction

Following some assessments, we will develop and extend our knowledge and skills around addition and subtraction and will look at using these two operations in problem solving tasks. We want to improve the children's resilience in applying previous knowledge to new contexts.

### Time

Our weekly Maths sessions will allow our children to develop skills in reading clocks as well as solve problems involving time. Fingers crossed P6 will be running the household schedules by the end of term!

### Maths Week - Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sep - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> October

We are looking forward to celebrating Scottish Maths Week. Look out on the FB page to view our challenges and see our learning around this year's theme - "Maths in Everyday Life".

## Health & Wellbeing

### PE

This term we will be learning and participating in invasion games. These are team games, which are played on the same pitch/court and with an aim of scoring points or goals. We will be looking to refine the physical techniques involved in each game and enhance our understanding of the tactics involved to be successful. We are really emphasising on developing our personal qualities when competing; by playing fairly, respecting opponents, and what it means to be a good teammate.

### Health and Wellbeing

This term our focus will be on how to be resilient. Everyone goes through ups and downs in their life. We can learn to be more resilient, building our own 'toolkit' full of strategies to cope so we can bounce back from difficulties. The character Skipper shows us how to sail on the river called life.

### Edenside's Learning Kingdoms

This term we embark on our exploration of Edenside's Learning Zones -

- The Mountains of Mindset
- The Oceans of Owning your Learning
- The Kingdom of Contribution
- The Gardens of Getting Unstuck

We will get to know these 4 areas and the skills that we gather in each before setting in the Mountains of Mindset and challenging ourselves to aim high!

### Learning Together

We hope that our theme of "Fighting for Freedom" has children discussing their knowledge, views & opinions on Scotland's history and independence. To support your discussions at home, here are the topics we will be exploring in class:

- What do we mean by freedom?
- Scottish Wars of Independence 1296-1357
- The Jacobites 1685 - 1747
- Scotland's place - the present day

### Talk to us!

You know your child best, please let us know about anything that will help us work with your family and child in the best way possible.

Is there something at school that your child finds difficult? Did you have a very busy weekend? Is there a family event coming up that you think will affect your child? Are you, or is your child worried about something?

You can write us a note, call the office and you can also email the school office which will then be sent forward to one of us.

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### Homework



All children have **Reading Wise** accounts, which will provide them with pitched activities to assist with decoding and comprehension. We would encourage the use and discussion of this at home. When children begin to read their group novels, they will regularly have reading homework to prepare for a lesson. They will record this on their iPad calendar and can set reminders if this is useful.



Children will photograph their **spelling** lists and strategies on their iPads. They should take time regularly to practise spelling these words. They may use fun tasks such as pyramid writing, fancy letters, creating word-searches or using a ball or trampoline to set a rhythm when chanting words.



Children are asked to regularly use the times tables function on their **Complete Maths** profiles to practise recall of facts. P6s will battle to get their name on the Complete Maths leader board on a Monday which shows the 5 profiles with the most correct answers given over the previous 7 days.



As we are learning about Scottish Independence, there will be multiple opportunities for research. Children are invited to share resources and useful websites on their class **Teams** page.

### STEM Mondays

Monday afternoons will be for learning about and solving problems in the world around us. This term P6 will be working on a Science unit on Biodiversity before embarking on some Engineering challenges. Ask your child what they've been up to - they will have photos on their Ipads to share!