



Welcome

I would like to welcome all pupils back after the October break. This is a busy term with many Christmas related activities.

Timetable

This term pupils will have PE on a Monday and a Wednesday. Please make sure they take their gym kit on these days. Pupils will have ICT on a Monday with Mrs Grant, French with Mrs Duthie on a Wednesday and Art with Mrs Campbell on a Thursday. Library will still be on a Friday.

Homework

Spelling homework will be given on a Monday to be handed in on a Friday. Pupils will have investigators homework on a fortnightly basis, given out on the Monday and handed in the following Friday. Some weeks the pupils will have Maths homework depending on what is being taught in class.



In Class Reading

Each morning the pupils will have a period of silent reading when they first come in to class. The Pupils are taking part in the Accelerated Reader programme and should try to read books, which have a quiz, which will allow them to progress in the scheme. Pupils can read fact or fiction books.



Topic - Europe

This term our topic will be Europe. Pupils will use atlases to locate countries of Europe on a map. They will learn about the mountain ranges, seas and oceans. They will learn about places of interest in a variety of countries. Children will also have the opportunity to taste some food from other European countries. They will use ipads to help them find out fun facts about different countries.

Language, Mathematics and Health and Well-Being

Reading this term will be in groups with each group getting reading activities related to their book. The children will continue to use the reading strategies used last term.

Spelling will be taught and revised a few times per week focusing on phonemes, common words, subject words and spelling rules.

Pupils will be taught writing skills once a week alongside grammar lessons. The pupils will be encouraged to up level their sentences to make their writing more interesting to read. They will then use these skills to write imaginative stories.

In Mathematics the pupils will be learning to convert fractions to decimals and how to use decimals in calculations. From the beyond number outcomes the pupils will be learning about Information Handling. They will look at probability and chance.



In Health and Wellbeing pupils will continue to explore children's rights



as stated by the UN conventions of the Right of a Child. Pupils will continue to learn to talk about their feelings and they will work on activities related to Peer Mediation. Pupils will have First Aid training this term, which is a continuation from their training last year. In Gym pupils will learn skills to play indoor curling and then later in the term they will learn Scottish dancing.

Science, Technology and Social Subjects

In Science we will be developing our knowledge of energy. We will look at forms of energy and focus on the impact of fossil fuels and the need to find alternatives.



Pupils will have plenty opportunities to develop their IT skills using the

iPads and laptops for research and presentation of their work. They will continue to work on ICT topics with Mrs Grant, the visiting ICT specialist.

Social Subjects outcomes this term will be covered through the topic Europe.

Expressive Arts and RME

Mrs Campbell, the visiting specialist, will teach Art skills. They



will be learning about European artists.

In RME pupils will be learning about St. Andrew. They will also look at the beliefs of Christians in Scotland and how they celebrate Christmas.