



Welcome

I would like to welcome all pupils back after the holidays and hope that everyone is refreshed and ready to work hard.

Timetable

This term pupils will have PE on a Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure they take their gym kit



on these days. Library will be on a

Tuesday.

Pupils will have Health and Well-Being on a Tuesday with Mrs Buchan, Music on Wednesday with Mrs McConnachie, ICT on a Thursday with Mrs Grant and Drama also on Thursday with Mrs PV.

Homework

Spelling homework will be given on a Monday to be handed in on a Friday. Pupils should not hand in their homework early, as they need their books to learn their spelling words. Pupils will have investigators homework on a fortnightly basis, given out on the Monday and handed in the following Friday. This requires pupils to investigate facts and information about a chosen topic and present it in a two-page spread in their allocated investigators homework jotter. This can be as creative and as inventive as they would like it to be, however it is important they 'investigate' to develop their skills in this area. They should write their facts in their

own words.

Topic - Aberdeenshire

This term our topic will be Aberdeenshire. They will be learning about the oil and fishing industries. The children will carry out several science experiments to enhance their knowledge of the oil industry where oil comes from.



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Pupils will be taking part in the planning process for this topic to allow them to take ownership of their learning.

Language, Mathematics and Health and Well-Being

Spelling will be taught and revised a few times per week focusing on phonemes, common words, subject words and spelling rules. Children will focus on developing their vocabulary and will be assessed by creating dictation passages to show their understanding of the spelling words rather than having spelling tests each week.

Pupils will be taught writing skills once a week alongside grammar lessons. This term they will focus on poetry and personal writing.



Children are involved in the assessment of theirs and others writing in class and offering ways to improve using criteria. It is hoped this will help to develop confidence in writing.

In Mathematics the pupils will be continuing to learn how to use



decimals in calculations. They will also continue to work on their mental maths skills focussing on multiplication and division. From the beyond number outcomes the pupils will be learning about databases in Information Handling and later in the term they will learn about money and finance.



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In Health and Wellbeing pupils will be learning about the hazards of alcohol.

In Physical Education this term pupils will learn skills in competitive games. The term will begin with hockey skills.

Science, Technology and Social Subjects

In Science pupils will be developing their knowledge of fossil fuels. The children will learn where and gas comes from through a series of experiments. This is a hands on unit where each child will get the opportunity to help set up and



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record the outcomes from the experiments.

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 Aberdeenshire.

Expressive Arts and RME

In RME pupils will be learning about Sikhism. They will also look at the beliefs of Christians in relation to Easter.

In Drama the pupils will take part in the production of "The Amazing Adventures of Superstar"
This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to experience the thrill of performing. Pupils will be able to audition for various roles in the play. Details of these will be available at a later date.