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## Term 3 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the children back after the Christmas break. Below you will find some information about what the class will be learning over the next term.

### Literacy

#### Spelling

P4/5 will continue with daily spelling lessons using the Highland Wraparound program, pupils will work on a new sound or spelling pattern every 1-2 weeks. Each week, pupils will use a range of spelling strategies to help memorise their words.

#### Reading and Writing

This term, we will be focussing mainly on creative writing. Pupils have already found using the Emotion Works cogs useful to help them think about character emotions and descriptions. Reading takes the form of a weekly rotation where each group will have time reading with the teacher. Follow up activities will focus on VCOP skills (vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation).

### Maths

P4/5 will be working on extending their knowledge in a range of numeracy areas. We will be focussing on;

- Multiplication/Division
- Length, area and perimeter
- Mental Maths
- Angles

### Health and Wellbeing

#### Emotional Check-in

Each morning we will continue to begin our day with an emotional check-in. This gives the pupils an opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings with the class and teacher.

The Children enjoyed 'Health Week' at the beginning of the term. We were able to learn new skills like yoga, emotion awareness and mindfulness. In class we learnt about the stages of the sleep cycle and the importance of a good night's sleep. Moving forward, our focus this term is 'Substance Awareness: Prevention and Education'.



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### PE

This term, PE days will be on a **Tuesday** and a **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit and indoor shoes. There are still some children regularly needing reminders to bring in PE kit so we would appreciate your help with this. The children have been encouraged to try and pack their kit the night before. Alternatively, they can leave a bag with their PE kit on their peg. The PE focus this term is creative dance and gymnastics.

### RME

In RME this term, we will be looking at traditional stories from different world religions.

### Languages

#### French

This term we will be focussing on numbers 1-31, birthdays and introducing weather through our daily routines.

#### Gaelic

Mrs James will continue to teach Gaelic to P4/5 on Fridays focussing on weather, days of the week, family members and animals.

### Topic

We will be focussing on Scottish Myths and Legends this term. The children are so excited to learn all about the different people and creatures. If you have any books or resources at home that could link with our topic then please bring them into class if possible.

We are also receiving weekly visits from Fais Rois and learning all about Scots songs and stories. The children have been able to sing some songs linked to their favourite myths and legends.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

*Miss Walker & Mrs James*