



Welcome back, this is the final term for Primary 5 pupils. We have a very busy term ahead with a number of memorable events as well as a great deal of work to ensure a smooth transition into primary 6. As mentioned, this is a busy time, so throughout the term we will keep pupils and families informed of important dates regularly.

## Numeracy

This term Primary 5 will be exploring Length, Area, Weight and Algebra, as well as revisiting topics they have already covered this year. We will also continue to focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to develop both mental and written strategies.

Last term we focused on Money and Time. To help deepen their understanding, pupils would benefit greatly from practicing these topics at home.

For time, please encourage your child to read times from both analog and digital clocks, calculate remaining time in the hour and calculate time intervals e.g. how long from 1:15pm to 3:30pm?

For money, please encourage your child to work out costs, calculate change and find equal amounts e.g. 5 10p coins are equal to 1 50p coin.

Please also continue to encourage children to practice their times tables.

As always, pupils can independently access 'Sumdog', 'Education City' and 'Topmarks' which offer excellent interactive numeracy games. Please encourage your child to make regular use of these free resources.

## Literacy

Primary 5 will continue to use BugClub as a home resource. Texts will be issued regularly for pupils to practice reading and to further develop their application of reading comprehension strategies.

In class, we will continue to develop our 6 reading strategies through a variety of genres. This enables pupils to apply the strategy in many different ways.

We will continue to develop spelling using the Active Literacy programme. Pupils should continue to practice previously taught words and phonemes to help embed them further.

The writing focus for Primary 5 this term will be narrative and report writing. We will continue to develop pupils' skills in each genre over a 3 week block.

In talking and listening, pupils will be asked to focus on projecting their voice, using an appropriate volume for their audience and maintaining eye-contact. Children will begin to focus on body language and the rules to create a good presentation. For example a beginning, middle and end.

We will be looking for volunteers to present at our up and coming open afternoon and therefore would encourage that children are practising these skills at home.

## HWB

Primary 5 will continue to develop skills which support social and emotional wellbeing. This term we will continue to focus on themes including making positive choices, developing and maintaining positive friendships and values.

Falkirk schools have a sexual health and relationships programme. This term each stage in the school will be teaching their appropriate set of lessons for their specific year group. More information about this will be provided by the school.

In P.E pupils will continue to participate in two sessions a week. This term Primary 5 will be covering Athletics with their Specialist Teachers as well as with their Class Teachers.

## Quotes from P5W

Brayden – I enjoyed learning about Fractions and Decimals in Maths.

Scott – I really enjoyed learning about Mary Queen of Scots. It a really interesting topic. The trip to Holyrood Palace was great.

Chloe – I really enjoyed using the new Literacy Box reading cards. I enjoyed answering the comprehension and grammar questions.

## Quotes from P5L

I think that our focus on numeracy last term has boosted a lot of people's confidence and I feel I have progressed a lot.  
Daphne P5L

I'm looking forward to our Literacy programme this term.  
Charley P5L

We thoroughly enjoyed learning about Mary Queen of Scots last term and we are looking forward to our Science Topic this term on 'Earths Materials'. Shanae and Kerr, P5L.



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| Monday    |                                                |
| Tuesday   | Numeracy (5L)                                  |
| Wednesday | Numeracy (5W)<br>Art (5W & 5L)<br>PE (5W & 5L) |
| Thursday  | Music (5W & 5L)                                |
| Friday    | PE (5W & 5L)<br>Citizenship Groups<br>Assembly |

## Dates for Diary

This term we have our Primary 5 open afternoon. We have chosen to focus on Mathematics and will be hosting a workshop for parents to demonstrate what we have been learning this year. This will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Further information will be given closer to the event.



If you have any concerns or queries please feel free to get in touch. Appointments can be made through the school office. We hope this newsletter has given you a greater insight into your child's life at school and how you can best support them with their school routine.

**Thanks for your support.**

**Miss Williamson & Miss Logan**