Welcome to P5M/P with Mrs Melvin & Mrs de la Rosa

### Class Charter
Together we have created our class charter based on the Rights of the Child. Every child (& teacher) has signed the charter to show their commitment and we will refer to this throughout the year.

### Library
The children will have the opportunity to choose a book from the school library every Thursday. This must be returned before selecting a new book.

### Specialists
This term the children will have:
- **Spanish** with Mrs de la Rosa
- **Art** with Miss Welsh
- **PE** with Miss Bertram (from Nov)

### P.E
The children will have P.E on a **Thursday** this term. Children should keep a gym kit in school: t-shirt, shorts & gym shoes (no football strips please).

### Numeracy & Maths
The children will continue to follow M.U.M.P (Midlothian Understanding Mathematics Programme), building on from their work in Primary 4. They will extend their knowledge of basic facts and develop skills in using a range of strategies for calculations. We will also be working on Data Handling and Fractions.

### Literacy
We will be using a Literacy Team format across P5 & P6 whereby learners are set by ability. Writing will take place in our own classes. This term the children are working in groups to create a persuasive presentation about a ‘Local Cause’ in their community and local councillor Margot Russell will be coming to watch their presentations!

### Classroom Rules (developed together in class)
- include & encourage everyone
- be kind & help others
- listen carefully and respect everyone's opinions
- work hard
- support others by not distracting them
- move sensibly around the classroom

### Top tips:
- Label everything!
- Bring a water bottle & a snack
- Encourage reading for pleasure
- Talk to your child at home about their learning

### Twitter
To share in your child’s journey please follow us on twitter: @woodburnps

### Queries or concerns
Please catch Mrs Melvin or Mrs de la Rosa at the end of the day for a quick chat, send in a note, or make an appointment at the school office.

### Dates for the diary
- **Parent Consultations** – 25th & 26th September
- **October Break** – 12th to 23rd October

### Topics
The children have been very enthusiastic about our first novel study: ‘Bill's New Frock’ by Anne Fine.

Other topics this year will be:
- Rights, Responsibilities & Democracy (Social Studies)
- Mary Queen of Scots (History)
- Healthy Body (H&WB)
- Other World Religions (RME)
- Fairtrade
- Forces & Electricity (through Science Week)