Welcome back to P5H with Miss Hannah! The children are looking forward to everything we have planned this term.

**Numeracy & Maths**

The children will continue to develop their skills in number sequences, number structures, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will have a strong focus on times tables this term, with the pupils practising their tables in different contexts such as board games, interactive games and written work. This knowledge of times tables will help them in our Maths topic of Fractions, where we will look at fractions on a number line, equivalent fractions and calculating fractions of amounts. Following this, we will move on to concentrate on Money.

**Literacy**

The pupils will continue their work in their Reading Teams which run across our P5 and P6 classes. Within writing, we will focus on making and using notes in addition to persuasive and discursive writing. This will also link to our learning in Listening and Talking, where children will take part in a debate as part of our topic on Fair Trade.

**Topics**

P5H thoroughly enjoyed our topic on Mary Queen of Scots and thoroughly impressed our guide with their knowledge when we visited Holyrood Palace before the October break. This term, we will focus on Fair Trade as our topic, using our research skills to find out more about ethical trading. We will also consider basic human needs and discuss why some societies can meet these needs more effectively than others. We also hope to make some Fair Trade products as part of our learning.

Our other topics this year will be:

- Healthy Body (Science)
- Other World Religions (RME)
- Forces and Electricity (Science)

If you have any expertise in any of these areas you are very welcome to come and speak to the class! Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Hannah if you would like to share your knowledge and skills.
Dates for the diary

Friday 9th November - Dyslexia Awareness Assembly - please wear blue!
Saturday 1st December - Christmas Fair
Friday 7th December, 9am - Shared Learning in P5H - please come and join us!
Monday 10th December - Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 11th December - P4-7 Pantomime, Brunton Theatre, Musselburgh
Friday 21st December - Christmas Jumper Day

P.E - The children will have P.E on a Tuesday and a Wednesday this term. Each child should have a gym kit: t-shirt, shorts & gym shoes (no football strips please).

Specialists

This term the class are lucky to be continuing Music with Ms McInroy on a Wednesday and Art with Miss Welsh on a Thursday. They are also looking forward to working with Miss Bertram in PE on a Wednesday this term.

Library

Pupils will have the opportunity to choose a book from the school library every Monday. This must be returned in order to select a new book.

Top tips:

• Arrive on time
• Label everything!
• Bring a water bottle
• Bring a snack for playtime

Queries or concerns

If there is anything you would like to discuss further or if you have any questions or concerns, please catch Miss Hannah at the end of the day for a quick chat, send in a note, or make an appointment at the school office.