

Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High

Literacy

Reading - We are reading *The Desperate Journey*, by Kathleen Fidler, as part of our Topic on the Highland Clearances. We also have our A.R. in class and as always all the reading we do incorporates our reading strategies.

Writing - We are using our Topic and the Highland Clearances as a stimulant for our writing, as well as current issues.

Listening and Talking - The children have all been learning a Scottish poem as part of Scots week and reciting this in class, at Assembly or demonstrating their talents at Scots Night at the Miners Club.

Numeracy and Maths - In our Numeracy lessons we are still persevering with our Times Tables and looking and learning about the relationship with division and fractions and eventually percentages. This is something we need to keep ongoing and it would be beneficial for the children to learn their tables at home whenever they have a spare 5 minutes. We are also working on our addition and subtraction skills and learning new strategies to help us.

Health and Wellbeing - All of the P6s are going to be taking part in peer mediation, and how they can help children in the playground resolve their differences. It is a very big responsibility but I am sure they will rise to challenge and that everyone will have a happier time out in the playground as a result. The two P6s are getting together every Thursday afternoon to carry out the training involved in this. As part of our Wellbeing Indicators we are also looking at the children's health and wellbeing and discussing aspects of that such as 'keeping safe, being nurtured and being healthy' etc. We do this through sensitive discussion during circle time. We also have Bubble Time up and running - the children pop their name on a bubble on the wall if they have any issues they do not wish to discuss with the class and we try to come to some sort of resolution together.



**Primary 6a
Term 3
February 2019**

Dates to look out for:

Letters will be coming out soon to remind you about Book Fair and if you can manage, it would be lovely to see you there.

Friday February 8th is the day we break up for our midterm holiday.

26th February will be Benmore Camp Information Evening and the Sex Education Information Evening 6.00-6.30pm and 6.30-7.00pm respectively.

Other curricular areas - Miss Duncan takes the class for Spanish and they are learning about other countries and how to say their names in Spanish and also where the other countries are situated within Europe or beyond.

Mrs Stirling takes P6a for French on a Wednesday morning.

In I.C.T. the children have been carrying out a lot of research to do with the Highland Clearances as we are creating a storyline of that time in our history.

We also have Mrs Callaghan for Music and the children always enjoy all the wonderful musical activities she does with them.

Other information:

Please continue to send in Achievement slips for anything the children do outside of school - this can be for anything such as scoring a goal at football or even making the team or swimming, it does not have to be sports related, it can be whatever the child has achieved.

We continue to do the Daily Mile, 8 laps of the playground every day. Unfortunately with this hard frost on the playground it can be a bit dangerous especially as the children are so enthusiastic, so we may miss a day here and there. It is really beneficial to the children to do this. The classes are all doing it at different times now and setting challenges for ourselves to mix it up a little.