

## Primary 5

### Sessions 2018 - 2019

This year promises to be a busy one, as always. This letter should outline broadly what will be covered in all curricular areas throughout the year. However if there is anything you would like to ask then please do not hesitate to contact me. I am usually available at the end of the day for an informal chat or if you prefer I can be contacted by phone between 9 am and 10.40 on a Tuesday morning.

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#### Literacy and English



**Writing** There is always a narrative element to writing each term in the North Lanarkshire Literacy programme. Other genres are also usually covered by linking them to the IDL work carried out in class so for example during our science topics we will focus on report writing. The history topic may give the opportunity to cover recount, persuasion etc. On occasion one of the homework tasks will be to add detail to writing planning for use in class later in the week. Support at home with this is greatly appreciated and of huge benefit to your children.

**Reading-** North Lanarkshire Literacy programme also encompasses reading. Building on their prior learning pupils will continue to consolidate their skills using and applying the reading strategies (prior knowledge, meta-linguistics, inference, visualisation, main theme and summary) in different contexts. The children will have the opportunity to experience fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama genres.



#### Health and Wellbeing

In class children explore different aspects of social and emotional health through *Creating Confident Kids*. There is also a constant focus in class on team working and relationships. Our focus for SHANARRI this year is *Achieving across all areas of life*.

**Physical Education** - Our PE day is Wednesday although this may change throughout the year. Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit, especially indoor shoes for use in the gym hall. Primary 5 have the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons later on in the year, usually January. We will try our best to experience the great outdoors as much as possible throughout the year as outdoor learning offers fantastic opportunities to really engage with new learning.



**Mathematics** - In Primary 5 children build on their prior knowledge of maths concepts throughout the year, using a variety of fun active strategies to build a broader understanding and a greater capability to apply this across different contexts. As always there will be a focus on mental maths using *Big Maths* and *Number Talks* across the school to help consolidate mental maths strategies. Homework may sometimes be based around these programmes.

#### Expressive Arts



We are lucky to have the expertise of Miss Nelson once again this year to help us with vocal work. Throughout the rest of the year

Art, Drama, Music and Dance will all be covered in a variety of contexts as part of different IDL topics.

### **IDL/RME**

Primary 5 learn about a number of engaging and interesting topics. They will start the year looking at Scotland's landscapes and Natural Disasters as well as beginning the John Muir Environmental Award which will run throughout the year. As it is the centenary of the end of the 'Great War' pupils will learn about World War 1 in Term 2 and run their own business for Christmas. Early in January we will embrace our own Scottish culture and that of another country through 1+2 and then investigate a science topic which the children will choose. In Term 4 we will end the year by finding out about plants. School trips and visiting specialists are usually arranged to coincide with these IDL topics.

### **High Expectations**

As always we are setting the bar high. As a result, in Primary 5, children will begin to demonstrate independence and a growing sense of responsibility for their own work. The focus is always on taking pride in their own work and achievements. Children will continue to direct their own learning journey through weekly target setting. Jotters and will also be sent home for you to see what your children have been doing and how they are progressing. In class the emphasis is always on being motivated to be the best they can be in all areas.

### **Home Learning**

Generally homework will be given on Monday for Friday. It will usually consist of numeracy, Literacy and possibly an additional IDL task. Children will be asked to complete an extended piece of work, which might last for a number of weeks and will vary across the assessment criteria of write, say, make and do. Expect to be covered in paint at least once throughout the year when the modelling task comes home!

### **Curriculum Support**

To help you follow your child's progress and have a better understanding of what they are learning broad guidelines of the expectations for pupils at each stage in Numeracy and Writing are on the website. This, in conjunction with formal parents' evenings, regular homework, and printed homework reminders in jotters will hopefully keep you well informed about their progress.

To ensure that you are updated on your child's progress and on any upcoming events in the school all letters will be available on the school website at the following link:

<http://www.struthers.sayr.sch.uk>

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