



# P5/6 Learning Letter – January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after Christmas. We had a fantastic first term with lots of special highlights - our class assembly, a trip to East Calder library and lots of excellent learning about Natural Disasters, are just a few. This term begins with us celebrating all things Scottish! The children will be learning some Scots language, reciting Scots poems and they will also choose a famous Scottish person for their personal project. We ken it will be pure dead brilliant! We look forward to watching your children grow and develop over the next few months.

As always, thank you for your support and please get in touch if you have any questions.

Mrs Redmond (Wed/Thurs/alternate Fridays) and Mrs Murray (Mon/Tues/alternate Fridays)



## English & Literacy



**Spelling:** Weekly spelling words issued, linked to our Phonics International sounds. Activities completed daily in class

**Reading:** Continue with our well established Guided Reading sessions within class, focusing on:

- I can clarify Scots language
- I can skim and scan to find information and make relevant notes
- simple headings, sub-headings, lists, mind maps and using bullet points I can organise my notes under

**Writing:** Our whole-school writing focus this term is Narrative. We will work on creating characters, a setting, a problem for the characters and a solution to the problem. We will continue to work on proof reading, editing and up-levelling our writing.

**Listening and Talking:** Scots Poetry Recital - focussing on volume, pace, expression, pronunciation and actions. Children will continue to embed listening/talking skills into their everyday

## Maths & Numeracy

Daily Number Talks: - focus on efficient strategies and multi-step worded problems

Times Table focus: Improving speed and accuracy

Division - looking at fact families, using our times tables to support our division, for example,  $3 \times 4 = 12$  so  $12 \div 3 = 4$ . Use formal written methods to divide 3 digit numbers by a single digit, with and without remainders

Shape: Recognise and name different types of triangle and a range of 2D shapes and 3D objects. Identify the parts of a circle e.g. radius, diameter and circumference.

Time: Read and record 12 and 24 hour times and convert between the two; calculate durations and journeys.



## Interdisciplinary Learning: STEMovators Climate Smarter Project

This term, we will be taking part in the Climate Smarter project. This project will take the children on a journey of investigation and experimentation to look at how we can tackle the climate emergency. The 4 key topics are:

- Renewable energy
  - Water
  - Forestry
- Smart technology

### P.E. Days - Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure your child wears clothing and footwear suitable for taking part in P.E.

**Outdoor Learning** - The Scottish weather can be unpredictable, so please ensure your child has a coat with them every day.

**Homework** - This term the children will be asked to learn their Scots poem and complete a personal project about a famous Scottish person. There will be optional spelling and times table homework if the children would like extra practise.

### Adults helping in our class:

- Miss Robertson will be teaching the children PE this term.
- Miss Clark will be teaching the children drama this term.
- Mrs Combe will be our Pupil Support Worker this year.
- Limelight Music will continue to work with P5/6 every Tuesday afternoon until the February holiday. There will be a parent pop in to see what the children have been learning on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - 1.15pm - 2.10pm

### Important Dates:

- PSA Disco - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm to 9pm
- Parent's Evening - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- P5 trip to Lockerbie Manor - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

"United Nations Rights of a Child: In December 2023 we successfully achieved our Silver Rights Respecting School Award. As a school we are currently working towards our Gold Award and are engaging in lots of activities to develop our children's understanding of their rights. If you'd like to learn more, then you can use the following link from Parents Club: <https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/childrens-rights>."

