



# P5/6 Learning Letter – May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our final term in P5/6! It has been lovely to hear about the children's adventures and experiences over Easter and bank holiday weekends. We had a fantastic second term with lots of special highlights, particularly our Art Gallery evening and P5 residential. We have enjoyed our Stenovator IDL and have been measuring wind speed and making floating wind turbines. We also had a fantastic learning experience with Limelight music and enjoyed having our families in to share the music and rhythm! We look forward to the term ahead, hopefully some lovely weather!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with 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 identify and explain the difference between fact and opinion
- I can identify reliable sources
- I am aware when I am being influenced by a text
- Link to writing - using exemplar recount texts to identify key features

**Writing:** Our whole-school writing focus this term is Recount. We will work on retelling events and experiences from our lives, and our feelings about these. We will also be working on persuasive writing, linked to our topic on democracy and debating.

**Listening and Talking:** Debating - children will be participating in a class debate during Health Week - 'Only healthy snacks should be allowed at snack time.'

## Maths & Numeracy



**Daily Number Talks** - 4 operations

**Times Table focus:** Improving speed and accuracy - children should continue to focus on this at home - 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x

**Fractions, decimals and percentages:**

- Explore mixed and improper fractions
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator
- Equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions
- Compare and order fractions
- Convert a fraction to a decimal
- Compare and order decimals
- Explain what a percentage is in relation to fractions and decimals
- Find a simple percentage of an amount

**Measure** - standard units of measure/finding the perimeter and area of shapes

## Interdisciplinary Learning: Democracy and Debating

This term, we will be researching, planning, and preparing for a class debate during health week. 'Should only Healthy food be allowed at snack time?' Children will:

- Understand what a debate is and why it is useful?
- Learn about a democracy and how voting systems work
- Learn to research and build arguments based on facts and evidence
  - Develop questioning and listening skills
- Take part in a class debate during Health Week

## 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** - Handed out on a Tuesday, to be returned the following Monday. You will find homework in your homework jotter and on Teams.

## Adults helping in our class:

- Miss Robertson will be teaching the children PE this term.
- Miss Clark will be teaching the children music this term.
- Mrs Combe will be our Pupil Support Worker this year.

## Important Dates:

- Health Week - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Sports Day - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

**"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>."

