



Aim high

Celebrate success

Be proud

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school after the winter break. It has been wonderful to see the children come back full of energy and ready to learn. What a busy few weeks we have already had and we look forward to having a fun and productive term here in Primary 4/5.

### Literacy

We have started this term by looking at the Scottish language and poetry and we will continue to explore different types of poems. We will move onto completing work on narrative story writing, instructions and play scripts. Throughout our learning, P4/5 will continue to work with a variety of different talking partners to discuss and share their ideas both written and digital. We have also started a new spelling program which children are enjoying and responding well to. Spelling words will now be written in their new small vocabulary book and added to the Google Classroom should any children wish to practice them further at home.

### Numeracy

In numeracy we have started with a block focussing on fractions, decimals and percentages (FDP) Children are working through several focuses in FDP such as identifying fractions, finding equivalent fractions, recognising the relationship between decimals, fractions and percentages and being able to convert them into one another.

Each week children will continue to complete Daily 5 activities, mental maths and a variety of games to keep all of their other numeracy skills and strategies going.

Our maths topics this term are time and measure. Children will work on telling the time as well as durations, time tables and the 24 hour clock

### Learning in other areas of the curriculum.

Children will continue building their confidence in French focussing on basic conversations, greetings and days of the week. There will also be a topic focus on a musical tour around Scotland, exploring the map of Scotland, looking at a selection of different regions and cities/towns. As a class, the children liked the idea of exploring the topic of Scottish Inventors. We will be researching the different ways that they have shaped the Scottish society today. We will then be linking our topic to Art and Design creating our own inventions and how they will shape the future. Later on in the term we will move on to a Charities topic, looking at both global and local charities which will also link to our UNCR articles.

### Health & Wellbeing

This term we will be starting our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) block. Please check the school app for further information on this and please do let me know if you have any queries or questions. Since the beginning of this year we have been working on a whole school program called Building Resilience, promoting strategies to help children cope with situations challenging to them. Children will shortly be sent home with short homework tasks linked to the blocks in school for you to support your children with.

### Other Information

This term PE will be on a Monday (swimming date/day tbc).

Also this term, children will be completing a small block of Scottish country dancing in PE. Then we will have a block of swimming at Penicuik Leisure Centre.

Homework is given out every Monday and will be due in on the Friday of that week. Reading homework is also due to be set every week.

Thank you for your continuing support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to give me a call!