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Dear Parent and Carers,

We can't believe we are nearly a month into 2024! P5 have made a great start to the year and have been working so hard. We have been putting lots of work into our Sharing the Learning event and can't wait to hopefully share this with you on the 1st February (we hope you got your invites!). Overall, it is looking like another exciting but busy term for Primary 5 and we can't wait to see all of the wonderful things our learners get up to.

Primary 5 – Term 2

We are learning:			
<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>In PE we have been continuing our work on Scottish country dancing with Mrs Thom. We will also be looking at our gymnastics skills and building our fitness in our PE lessons.</p> <p>In class we will be continuing our Building Resilience programme by thinking about how we can 'Get Active'. We will also be learning about our bodies and friends and friendship through our Relationships and Sexual Health programme.</p>	<p>Literacy</p> <p>This term we are going to continue to build on our spectacular writing skills. We are about to start a brand new Talk for Writing block where we will be writing a wishing tale. We can't wait to watch all of the wonderful ideas develop.</p> <p>We have also been doing some wonderful listening and talking work, learning and performing our Scots poems. We definitely have some budding performers in Primary 5!</p> <p>We will carry on our reading work with more Reflective Reading tasks, really working on building our comprehension of what we are reading.</p>	<p>Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>It has been so great to see our progress in Numeracy so far this year and we are excited to see our learners continue to grow. We will be continuing to work on our Maths Basic Facts and recall of our multiplication and division facts to really help us with our Numeracy work. We will also continue our work on fractions and decimals this term.</p> <p>In Maths, we will be continuing our work on time and will be using timetables and calendars to plan journeys and activities. We will also be learning about measure and will be estimating, exploring and recording measurements using a variety of units of measure.</p>	
<p>Ethos and Wider Life of the School</p> <p>This term we have a new block of Wider Curriculum choices that we are all really excited to continue with. From visiting St Annes to developing our rugby skills there are a lot of interesting activities on the go.</p> <p>We will also be working with learners across the school to take part in lots of fun activities linked to Children's Mental Health Week. We can't wait to hopefully share some of what we get up to with you.</p>			<p>Opportunities for Wider Achievement</p> <p>At Newtongrange Primary we love to celebrate our learners' achievements inside and outside of school. We have been looking at ways to record celebrations and are trialling using a class 'Wider Achievements' Jamboard. The class Jamboard can be found in your child's Google Classroom. This term, we will be encouraging all learners to add to their page through dated post it notes and photographs. We would welcome you adding to the jamboard too. Your child should be able to show you how to access these but if you need any support do not hesitate to get in contact</p>
<p>Learning across the Curriculum</p> <p>This term we are currently working very hard on our Edinburgh Landmarks topic and are so excited to share our learning with you at our Sharing the Learning event. We will also be looking at the Titanic and are looking forward to learning more about how this was built, what life was like on the Titanic and what happened when it sank. Overall, a very exciting term for Primary 5!</p>	<p>Discrete Subjects</p> <p>We will be exploring lots of different discrete subjects through our topics this term. We look forward to showing off our wonderful acting and singing during our Sharing the Learning event. We will also be continuing learning our French vocabulary and really hope to build our confidence when speaking French.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Key Dates</p> <p>26th January – Scotland Poem Competition 1st February – P5 Sharing Assembly</p>			

5th February – Children’s Mental Health Week

20th/21st March – Parents Consultations

22nd February - Online Safety Police Talk

22nd March – Achievement Assembly