

January 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to start by wishing you all a **happy, healthy New Year**. I hope that you all managed to have some time to relax over the break and that you didn't have to alter your plans too much with the change in rules.

This term is obviously not starting the way we would have preferred and learning will look different but, with the class already experiencing remote learning this year, they all have had experience of using **Google Classroom** to access tasks and messages.



There will be a **Literacy task, Numeracy task and another task based on a different curricular area daily**. I might also be sending tasks to be completed over a period of time e.g. reading or talk homework. **Please encourage your child to do as many of these as they can.** They can be done at a time which suits them and the family.

**I will be contactable** through Classroom or my email ([gw11mcraefiona2@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw11mcraefiona2@glow.sch.uk)) for support or any questions and I will also be arranging a **Google meet** on a regular basis for the class to meet, chat and debate face to face.

I have attached an **example timetable** of how your child's week could look. Please don't see it as something that has to be followed but a suggestion of how days could be structured and is there as a support if required. Learning takes many forms. For this period of time its about finding a way that suits your family and your own circumstances.

**In maths**, the children will be **revising, consolidating and applying addition and subtraction strategies**. P4 will be using these strategies with numbers to 100 and P5 to 1000.



P4 will then move on to working with the **2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables whilst P5 will be working with all tables**. Regular practise and revision of these core maths skills is essential to support them as they approach more complex maths in the future. They will also be **consolidating coordinates, symmetry and data handling**.

**In literacy**, **reading** will be assigned through **Epic books**. Children log on with the **class code (nbp3431)** and read the books assigned to them. They can also use the same log in to choose books to **read for pleasure**. The main learning

focus in reading in P4 will be **extending comprehension answers** and looking at the **author's word choices**. P5's reading focus will be looking at what makes some **texts more successful, enjoyable and sharing personal opinions** about the texts. This learning will be **reflected in writing tasks** with the children further developing skills in choosing vocabulary carefully and thinking about writing for an audience. The **class meet** will give the children a chance to develop **talking and listening skills**. The focus for this time will be **debating different topics**.



The class **Social Studies** topic will be the 'Human Body' for the first few weeks. Topics included will be **keeping healthy, mental health, food nutrients, food packaging and body organs**.



After this the **class topic** will move onto 'A Journey Around Scotland'.



We will start by traveling up to **Shetland to join in Up Helly aa** and continue by investigating and exploring different areas of the country. Areas included in the topic will be **map reading, organising information, environmental issues, research skills, budgeting, talking and sharing information in different ways and languages**.

Please make the most of the **learning opportunities in daily life too**. Reading together, shopping, online shopping, cooking, TV, websites, email writing and many more.

If I can be of any support or answer any questions you might have, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact me through Classroom or email directly ([gw11mcraefiona2@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw11mcraefiona2@glow.sch.uk)) and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

**Mrs Fiona McRae**

**Dates for your diary**

Fri 12<sup>th</sup>, Mon 15<sup>th</sup> February - Mid term holiday

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> and Wed 17<sup>th</sup> February Inservice - staff only

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April - to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> April - Easter holiday