



# Learning Letter

## Primary 5



Aug-Oct 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome to Primary 5 and a whole new year of learning together. We have had a wonderful start to the term and are really looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

We hope you find this term's outline of work both helpful and an interesting insight into your child's time in school. There will be an opportunity to find out more at our forthcoming curriculum evening on Monday 11 September 6pm-7pm.

Please keep an eye on our [Primary 5 Class Page](#) where we will endeavour to keep you up to date with highlights of our learning and activities.

If you have any questions, please contact us through the office ([admin@sciennes.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sciennes.edin.sch.uk))

Kind regards,

P5A – Mr David Mitchell

P5B – Mrs Jane Maguire

P5C – Ms Lindsay Dodds (Mon- Thurs) Mr Forrest Howie (Fri)

Stage Leader - Ms Lucy Gallagher Depute Headteacher (P5-P7)

### Numeracy and Mathematics

#### NUMBER PROCESSES

- order numbers from 1 to 100,000
- understand the link between a number its place and its value
- partition a number into place value parts
- addition and subtraction strategies
- multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000
- estimate numbers up to 10,000

#### ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION

- use a variety of addition and subtraction strategies

#### MEASURE – AREA

- find the area of basic shapes
- compare the area of basic shapes

### Literacy and English

- give a personal response to spoken text and contribute relevant ideas and opinions in group discussions
- read and find information from a text
- learn to identify parts of speech in our reading and writing
- develop the use of interesting vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation in imaginative and functional writing
- progress through the 'Wraparound Spelling' programme with focus on phonics, derivation, vocabulary and grammar

We are using our class novel '**The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Rooker**' to teach reading skills and critical literacy. The children will be issued with individual reading once we have covered a range of skills through the study of our novel.

### Technologies

- learn how to use different apps to support and share learning
- use search engines to access and retrieve information

### RME

- share views through discussions on human rights and the UNCRC
- develop respect for others and an understanding of others' beliefs and values

## Health and Wellbeing

- develop teamwork and co-operation
- foster positive friendships and relationships
- use our Emotion Talks programme to explore feelings and reactions
- develop a positive approach to learning and build resilience by utilising a growth mindset
- introduce the Zones of Regulation programme

## Social Studies

- community and teamwork in the animal kingdom
- interpret information from different types of maps and locate different places
- create maps of our own
- explore the locations of different ancient communities' settlements and why they came to be
- use technology to support our learning

## Expressive Arts

- investigate proportion
- develop a sketching style to make observational drawings
- focus on the visual elements Line and Shape
- explore communication of ideas through movement in Drama and Dance

## Science

Properties and uses of substances – solids, liquids and gases

## Class timetable

### P.E – Specialist

Tuesday – P5B and C

Wednesday P5A

### P.E – Class Teacher

Thursday – P5B and C

### Swimming

Fridays –

5A – 25/08/23 – 22/09/23

5B – 29/09/23 – 03/11/23

5C – 10/11/23 – 08/12/23

**Science** – Science and Technology with Ms Garner

Tuesday – P5A

Wednesday – P5B and C

## Dates for your diary

### Curriculum Evening

Monday 11 September 6pm-7pm

### September holiday

Monday 18 September

**Pupil Progress Meetings** in school 4.00-7.00pm

Tuesday 3 October

Thursday 5 October

### End of Term

Friday 13 October

### October holiday

Pupils resume Tuesday 24 October

## How to help your child

- Please ensure that your child is on time for school every day. The school day for P5 begins at 8.50am (Doors open at 8.47am). Call the school office on 0131 667 1243 by 9.15am to let us know of an absence.
- The P5 day finishes at 3.20pm Mon-Thurs and 12.05pm on Fridays.
- Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.
- Your child should have a labelled bottle of water which should be taken home to be refreshed daily. We cannot easily fill water bottles at school as not all classrooms have drinking water so please ensure your child brings enough water for the day.
- All clothing and belongings should be clearly labelled and include name and class.
- P.E Kit – shorts/ joggers, t-shirt (not football strips) and trainers (in a gym bag)
- It is helpful to come to school with a fully equipped pencil case though items can be provided.
- Please note that the school can help with pencil cases, uniform, PE kits and water bottle, if needed; do just get in touch.

**Thank You!**