

NEWSLETTER

P5/6/7

Term 4

Welcome back
to our very busy
final term!

Dates for your Diary

May

5th P6 Sailing am only
16th Skene Netball Festival
17th P7s Secondary Guidance
Talk
22nd and 23rd First Aid Course
23rd_{PM} Dress Rehearsal for Show
24th Show Main Performance
26th_{AM} School Sports day
26th Family Fun Day After
School
30th Football Festival
31st Sandy Emslie Cup

June

31st May/1st/2nd P7 Link up days
31st/1st Parents Evening
5th Barcaple P7s
27th Dunecht Estate Day
28th Leavers Assembly at church
29th Leavers BBQ
30th End of term

Timetable

Tuesday - French with
Madame Cole and
Community Groups
Wednesday - P.E. with
Mr Strachan
Friday - Music with
Mrs Robertson

Homework

Homework will continue
to be given out on a
Monday and is due in on
a Friday. Spelling
homework will be given
each week along with
one other subject e.g.
Maths or Topic.
Reading will also be sent
home twice a week.
Note that days for
some groups have been
changed to suit our new
timetable.

Please sign homework
diaries to indicate that
you have seen/heard
the homework.

This term we welcome Mrs Smart to P5/6/7. She is an experienced teacher and has lots of experience working in small schools/multi-composite classes.

Teaching days:

Monday - Mrs Geddes
Tuesday - Mrs Geddes
Wednesday - Mrs Smart
Thursday - Mrs Smart or Mrs Geddes
Friday - Mrs Geddes

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have queries or questions.

Maths

Our focus this term will be measurement including area and volume of 3D shapes.

We will also look at the history of maths and how various elements contribute to society today.

We will extend our learning in some of our previous topics including fractions and time and apply our knowledge of these to solve real-life problems.

This term we will also spend time consolidating mental maths strategies and number work. These are so important as they form the basis for many other areas of numeracy and having a quick recall or addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts make more complex calculations much faster and easier.

Sciences

Our topic this term will be '**Moving Matters!**'.

We will begin this by looking at the local connection researching oil and alternative sources of energy.

Some of the other things we'll explore will include:

fishing, sustainability, how our lifestyle affects Earth's resources and what we can do to minimise our impact including carbon footprints. Later we will find out about energy, friction, and air resistance and do some experiments related to these areas.

This term promises to be a very busy one with rehearsals, set building, and prop making for our fantastic 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' show stepping up a level in preparation for the big night. Your help is appreciated in continuing to support the children to practise their lines and songs at home. They are all working very hard and we can't wait to share all of their hard work with you!

All year groups have extra activities throughout the term as you can see in our diary section.

Literacy and English

We will continue to enjoy daily opportunities to engage with different texts in particular non-fiction and science-based texts. We will think about the reliability of our sources and develop skills in making notes from our reading and other sources to create texts of our own and form our own opinions on the various topics we research.

Continue to keep reading at home; both fact and fiction books are important as are magazines, newspapers, and online articles. In particular if you find any newspaper articles relating to any of the topics we are investigating in class it would be interesting for the class to share these.

Health and Well Being

We will continue to think about ways we can increase our resilience and coping strategies when things feel difficult. As the term progresses we will increasingly consider transitions and will work to support the children to make these successfully whether that is to secondary or onto their next class here at Skene.

Technologies

The children continue to use technology every day in class and to record their learning in the Book Creator files. These will be emailed home at the end of term in place of reports.

We will also be working with the Excel programme to record data and present it in different formats.

