BLOCK 3 2019-2020





Literacy and Language

In January, here at Sandwood Primary, we focus on Scottish culture with all classes learning about the life and works of Robert Burns.

Talking & Listening - We will be learning to recite 'A Glesca Wean' by Cathleen Sweeney in preparation for our Scottish Assembly. Pupils will be encouraged to face the audience, speak clearly, use gesture and express the mood and rhythm of the poem.

Reading - This block we will focus on understanding, analysing and evaluating texts. We will learn about the different techniques used by authors (e.g. similes, metaphors & personification) to engage the reader and will incorporate these techniques into our own poems and short stories.

Writing - Pupils will have the opportunity to create poems and short stories with interesting characters, appropriate structure and settings that come to life.

Maths and Numeracy

Primary 7/6 will be extending their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and will connect their knowledge of shape and tessellation when designing and printing Mackintosh inspired patterns in Art. In Numeracy we will be learning to solve expressions and equations using algebra and will also continue to develop our mental maths and problem solving strategies.

Social Studies & Science

In January we will be learning about the major characteristics and features of Scotland's landscape. We will use maps and other non-fiction resources to learn about and compare Scotland's cities and towns. For science, primary 7/6 will be looking at the topical issues of climate change and renewable energy. We will be visiting the Glasgow Film Theatre to watch a documentary called 'Project 2040', which will be looking at what the planet will be like in 2040 and what actions we can take now to live in a sustainable way.

Homework



Homework will be issued on a Tuesday to be returned the following Monday. This will allow families time to work on homework activities over the weekend. We suggest that no more than 15 - 20 minutes is spent on homework each night. Homework will normally consist of a reading book, spelling task and a numeracy task. Pupils will also be issued with a home learning grid, which provides pupils with personalisation and choice when completing homework tasks

Other Curricular Areas

Primary 7/6 will have an outdoor gym session on a Thursday afternoon and an indoor gym session on a Friday morning. Please ensure all jewellery is removed on these days.

We also participate in the daily mile each day before lunch, so please ensure your child comes to school with a suitable outdoor jacket.



Change of shoes – Please provide your child with a change of shoes.

Uniform – make sure all items of uniform are labelled.

School Information – Please check your child's bag daily for information regarding school events etc. In addition please consult the school's App and website.

Health Promoting School – We are a Health Promoting School and follow Glasgow City Council's Better Eating,
Better Learning Policy'. This means that snacks pupils are permitted to bring are:-A healthy snack – **NO** sweets, chocolate etc., and water to drink – in a refillable bottle preferably.