



# Cornbank Primary School

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## Primary 5/6 Term 4 Newsletter

I hope everyone had a brilliant Easter holiday and have been able to enjoy some of the lovely weather over the two week period. It is so good to be back, all together, in our classroom again. The children have settled back in brilliantly. I'm so proud to say our classroom has had such a lovely, positive and happy atmosphere since being back and I'm looking forward to enjoying a great run up to summer together. This term is sure to be the best yet with lots of exciting learning opportunities lined up.

### Literacy

This term, as a class, we will be completing a novel study on the book 'Holes' by Louis Sacher. We will look deep into the book, analysing, predicting, decoding and answering questions on the passages. Children will each keep a copy of the book in their tray and will have the opportunity to read or follow along with an audio recording. Children will not have set reading homework due to the focus of this in class, however, it would be fantastic if children could be encouraged to read for enjoyment and choice at home. In writing, children will use the novel as a stimulus to write across different genres. These will include: newspaper articles, diary entries and letters. As always, weekly spelling and grammar inputs will continue.

### Numeracy and Maths

This term, we will continue our work on percentages before moving on to decimals. A big focus will be learning how to use place value to multiply and divide a multi-digit decimal by 10, 100 and 1000. Later in the term, we will use our understanding of number processes to look into answering worded number problems as well as finding missing values. Additionally, in maths, we are beginning a block on data handling. We will be looking at statistics, surveys and presenting data through different types of graphs and tables.

### Interdisciplinary Learning

This term our topic is 'The Rainforest'. We will be exploring map skills, climate zones, food webs, habitats and the impact of deforestation. This topic will provide lots of art, technologies, social studies, science and literacy opportunities.

### Health & Wellbeing

This term P5/6 will be learning how to keep themselves safe in a range of situations using the new RSHP program. At sensitive points, this will be handled and balanced with the help of Mrs Capaldi due to the composite nature of the class. Details of what will be covered has been sent out to you already. P5/6 will continue to have P.E. with Mrs Jones for half a day every four weeks. In addition, and on a weekly, more informal basis (that doesn't require change of kit) with myself. As the weather gets brighter, the children will have many more opportunities for outdoor learning too.

Thank you again for your continuing support. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching your children this year and again, feel free to contact me through the office or on your child's Google Classroom account and I will be happy to help. Miss Denholm