

# Cornbank Primary School

to be their best now and in the future

Welcome back Primary 5! There is so much to look forward to this term, from our new topic -The Titanic - to skiing at Hillend, it's certainly going to be a term with lots of hard work, learning and lots of fun too.

### Literacy

This term in reading we will be focussing on our comprehension skills, using both our group reading books and comprehension skill boxes. We will be focussing on our ability to find information in a text and this will be put to good use in our Titanic topic research. We will also be starting Literacy Circles, encouraging us to take on roles within our reading groups and create and manage our own group discussions about what we have read.

In writing, our focus is functional writing and we will be producing letters and news articles based on our topic. We will be reporting on the Titanic disaster and putting ourselves in the shoes of some people on board, as we write about our plans to travel to America. We will continue to do weekly spelling.

# Health & Wellbeing

We are going to be a part of the whole school launch of the Building Resilience programme as part of our Health and Wellbeing focus this term. We will be following Skipper on the River of Life as he navigates and helps us to understand ways to cope with challenges along the way. We will also be introduced to the concept of nurture and understanding some of the key things we all need to develop and grow.

## Numeracy and Maths

We are moving on to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies this term in numeracy. We will be continuing to develop our mental maths skills and build our knowledge of strategies to solve questions using these 4 processes. We will also be continuing to practice our times tables and basic maths facts to support our quick recall. In maths, our focus is shape and we will be learning about properties and nets of 3D shapes.

#### **Topic**

This term we are very excited to learn about the story of The Titanic. We look forward to using this as our stimulus for writing, art, STEM and social studies tasks throughout this topic.

#### Additional Information

Our block of 6 skiing lessons begins on Wednesday 3rd November. Please remember to bring warm and waterproof clothing, including gloves - Hillend is likely to be rather chilly.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or queries. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Young