



# Cornbank Primary School

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## Primary 5 Term 2 Newsletter

Happy New Year everyone! Here's to a happy, healthy and fun-filled year ahead! P5 have come back to school refreshed after their holidays and are already showing lots of enthusiasm for their new learning!

### Literacy

This term in reading we will continue to focus on comprehension skills in reading, using comprehension boxes and breaking down the skills needed to successfully decode a text. We are going to spend a lot of time working on our spelling, using more active methods to practise our spelling patterns and focussing on some of the words we find more difficult to spell. We will be doing a block of non-fiction reading too. Our writing will be linked to our IDL topic, which lends itself beautifully to writing newspaper reports of the moon landings, fact files about the planets, note taking and imaginative story writing about aliens too.

### Health & Wellbeing

PE this term will continue to be on a Monday afternoon with Miss Young. There will be many other opportunities in the week for physical activity too. As part of our work on the RSHP programme, P5 will be learning about parts of the body, how our bodies are beginning to change as well as the feelings around this and also finding out more about personal hygiene.

### Numeracy and Maths

We move onto learning about fractions and decimal fractions this term as well as negative numbers. Work continues on consolidating our knowledge of times tables and on becoming much quicker at recalling facts mentally. Solving word problems will also be a part of our learning in Numeracy this term. In Maths, the children will be working on Time. This includes 12 and 24 hour time using analogue and digital displays, reading time tables and calculating duration of journeys.

### Topic

This term we will begin on a Scottish theme and learn some Scottish poetry, songs, and research the lives of Robert Burns and Greyfriars Bobby. We then move on to 'Infinity and Beyond' where the children will learn about all the key parts we call 'Space', how all the planets are different and why, how Space impacts our daily lives through length of days/years, seasons and the lunar cycle and we will also discuss how space may be explored in the future. The children are very much looking forward to this topic!

### Additional Information

Our class assembly is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February at 9.15am. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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