



# Carrick Knowe Primary School

## Primary 5/6 and 6A Newsletter

### Term 2: October - December



We cannot believe that we are in November already...! Ever since August, the children have done so well coping with all the changes that we've thrown at them and it's great to see them working so hard and just enjoying being back at school. The 'new normal' has just become 'the normal'.

As we head towards Christmas, there's plenty for us to be getting on with and this term we'll be reintroducing curriculum areas such as Social Studies and Technologies. The information below gives a brief overview of what your child will be learning in each of these curricular areas.

Please ensure that you keep an eye on our class blogs on the website as well as your child's Learning Journals throughout the term for more detailed updates of what is going on in the classroom!

<p><b>Literacy and Language:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing the use of VCOP within our writing and ensuring our work receives its VCOP star!</li> <li>- Imaginative Writing (Character/setting) Creating interesting character and setting descriptions using the 'show don't tell' approach</li> <li>- Identifying and using Figurative Language (e.g. idioms, personification...)</li> <li>- Discussion and analysis of texts/genres</li> <li>- Developing our Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) to help our understanding of texts</li> <li>- Using inference to predict meaning</li> <li>- Weekly Spelling Patterns</li> <li>- Develop our note taking skills through our Europe context</li> </ul>	<p><b>Numeracy and Maths:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maths Games</li> <li>- Times Tables</li> <li>- Algebra</li> <li>- Angles</li> <li>- Compass and Bearings</li> <li>- Money</li> <li>- Coordinates</li> <li>- Fractions and Decimals</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>And there'll always be some... Countdown!</i></p>
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- P.E. (hockey, cricket, rugby)</li> <li>- Building Resilience (Challenge Your Mindset, Make A Difference)</li> <li>- SHANARRI (Included)</li> <li>- Growth Mindset (Creative Cameron)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Social Studies (Europe Context):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learning about different European cultures, values and customs</li> <li>- Develop our mental map including naming and locating countries of Europe</li> <li>- Use maps to find key features in Scotland, the UK and Europe</li> <li>- Comparing our lives to people living in other countries</li> </ul>
<p><b>Technologies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using Office 365</li> <li>- Coding</li> <li>- Using formatting features of Microsoft Word</li> <li>- Developing STEM skills</li> <li>- Develop research skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Expressive Arts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Listening and responding to different European music</li> <li>- Recreate artwork by famous European artists</li> </ul>

As always we thank you for your continued support.

**Mr Morley**     &     **Miss Inglis**     &     **Mr Wallace**  
(P5/6)                     (P5/6)                     (P6A)

## Other Key Information:

**PE:** P5/6 plan to have a long PE slot on a Wednesday afternoon.  
P6A plan to have a long PE slot on a Thursday afternoon.

From Monday 9th November, we will be able to have P.E. indoors again with certain restrictions - for example, there should be minimal use of equipment and this must be thoroughly cleaned after each use. Children should still come to school on P.E. days with their P.E. kit on.

Guidance remains that outdoor space should be used if weather permits. If the City of Edinburgh is placed in Tier 4, indoor P.E. will not be allowed, and we will revert to outdoor P.E. if weather permits.

If the weather is poor and we have to do PE indoors, then both classes will change their PE day to a TUESDAY. We will usually look at the weather forecast in advance and inform you of any changes via the Learning Journals message system.

**Golden Time:** Golden Time will usually take place on a Friday morning

**Homework:** Homework will consist of a literacy task, maths challenge (e.g. Education City or SumDog) and also reading for enjoyment. Homework can be completed in the green jotters handed out last term but should not be handed in.

If you wish to share your child's homework then you can do this using Learning Journals.