



Meet the Teacher - Primary 5

Mr Jamie Dougal and Mr Neil McLean

“Reach your Potential, Be the Best you can be”

Introduction

Welcome to Primary 5. My name is Mr Dougal and I look forward to teaching your children this year and helping them through their Primary 5 year at Gorebridge Primary.

The classes have settled in well to the new routines upon returning to school after the Summer break and we are pleased to say that at present they are rising to the challenge of being the Senior pupils in school.

Both classes have begun by setting up our Class Charters and creating the classroom atmosphere we want for the year ahead. In addition to this we have begun our initial topic which is Rainforest, we are delighted to report that the pupils have been really enthusiastic about.

If you ever have any queries, feel free to contact me via Seesaw or make a call into the office and I can arrange to call you back at an agreed time.

I look forward to meeting and working with you across the course of the year in order to support the class as best as possible.

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Our Class Charter

As a class we thought about our three core school expectations:

Be Safe

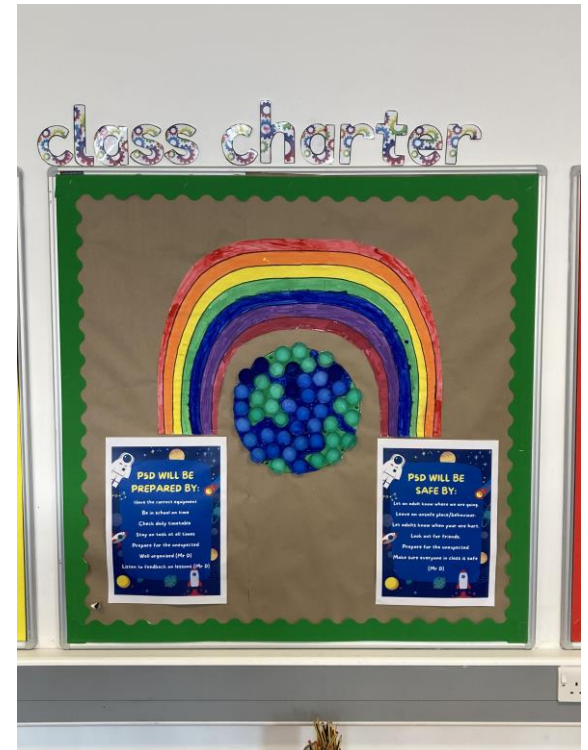
Be Respectful

Be Prepared

As a class we agreed to a variety of class expectations that would allow these rules to happen.

I have attached an image of our class display that was designed and created using the children's ideas, please take the time to discuss these with your child.

Please see if you can find the charter in our classrooms!


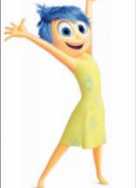




Term 1 (August to October 2023)

- Class Charter / Classroom Ethos
- IDL - Rainforest
- Novel Study – Enjoyment, comprehension, character/plot/setting, writers style, social themes
- Reading for enjoyment / Accelerated Reader Programme
- Zones of Regulation
- Develop skills for learning - collaboration, perseverance, concentration, resilience
- Writing – Narrative Writing
- Maths Week Scotland – 25.09.2023
- BOATS – 11th October (9.45 start)



ZONES OF REGULATION!

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Good to Go Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Anxious Excited	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Out of Control I Need Time and Space

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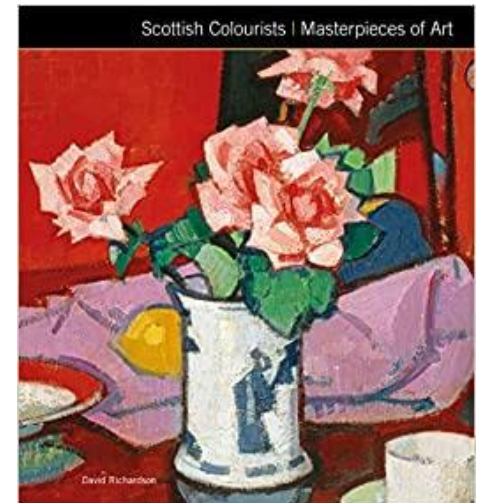
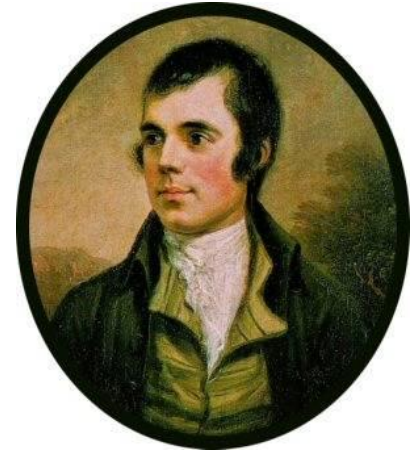
Term 2 (October to December 2023)

- IDL topic: Local Community Study linked to Weather
- Topical Science Focus – Global Warming/Deforestation
- Scottish Book Week (W/C 13.11.23)
- Writing Focus – Functional Writing
- Continue to reinforce skills for learning
- Continue to reinforce Zones of Regulation
- Scottish Country Dancing
- Christmas Enterprise – linked to Christmas Fair
- RME – Christianity - Christmas Story



Term 3 (January to March 2024)

- IDL – Scottish Wars of Independence
- Scottish Literacy focus – Scots Poetry
- Writing Focus – Poetry Writing
- Poetry Recitals in class
- Famous Scots/Inventors
- HWB –RSHP Programme ([Second Level](#))
- Scottish Artists Focus



Term 4 (April to June 2024)

- IDL topic – Social Studies Country Comparisons
Context - Euro 2024
- HWB – RSHP ([Second Level](#))
- Writing Focus –Personal Writing
- Personal presentations linked to Countries
- Skills for Life/Enterprise – Organise own Euro 2024 event at Gorebridge Primary School.
- Transition discussions for Primary 6



Literacy

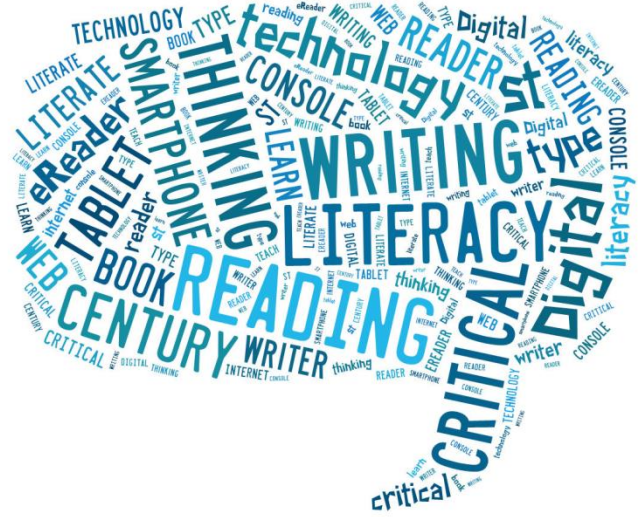
Resources and approaches:

- Reading

- Novel study
- Literature Circles
- Focus on reading for enjoyment
- Focussed comprehension:
 - Prim Ed comprehension
 - Topic linked reading

- Writing

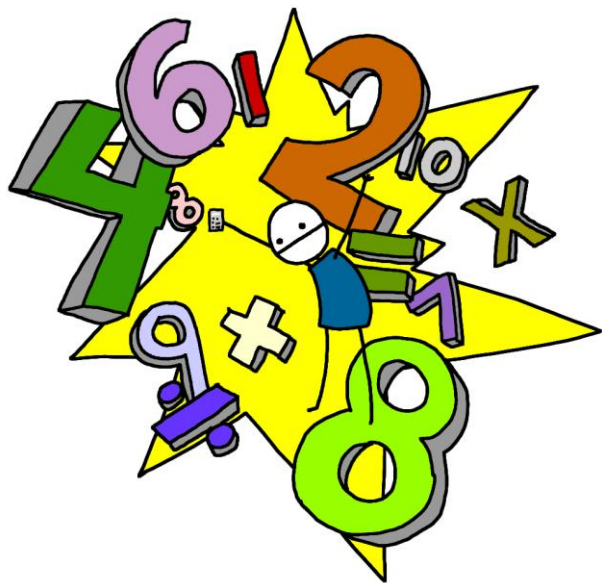
- Big Writing Programme
- Different genres of writing throughout the year, linked to topic were appropriate
- SWST and linked spelling lists/Spelling linked to topic
- Midlothian grammar progression
- French ongoing throughout the year



Numeracy & Maths

- **SEAL**

- Teaching for understanding
- Understanding process as well as 'getting it right'



- **Resources**

- Midlothian Numeracy Progression
- Midlothian problem-solving resources and progression
- SEAL resources – concrete materials
- ICT Activities – to consolidate key learning
- Consolidation sheets and textbooks
- Four Operations Activities

Midlothian Learner



- All schools in Midlothian strive to encourage learners to have the above skills. Across the course of the year we will use the above diagram with the class.
- At Gorebridge we aim to encourage, 'Assessment capable learners'.
 - Pupils who understand purpose of learning and can assess their progress.
 - Pupils who use feedback (self, peer, teacher) to move pupil's learning forwards.

Home Learning

Beginning after the September break, we will issue a monthly homework grid via Google Classroom whereby learners and their families can carry out a range of activities and share it with their teacher.

This will cover a range of curricular areas including numeracy, literacy and IDL/Topic work.

The expectation would be that each child is reading at least 20 minutes per day.



Weekly Events

Day	Event
Monday	PE with Miss Masood
Tuesday	HWB with Miss Masood
Wednesday	ICT with Miss Hunter
Thursday	PE with Mr Dougal
Friday	School Assembly (Star Learner)

We would ask if children can come to school PE ready on a Monday/Thursday to ensure health and hygiene of all.

How you can help



- Keen to work in partnership with families to support learning, behaviour and progress.
- Stay in touch – If there is you have a query, lets discuss this at the earliest possible time.
- Help your child to stay organised
 - Reminding your son/daughter to complete their home learning.
 - Pencil case with pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler
 - Water bottle (**water only**)
 - Return letters promptly, preferably in envelopes with names on.



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