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Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been a fantastic and fast start to Primary 5, and we are looking forward to all of the great things we have planned this year! We have absolutely loved getting to know our new classes and hope that all of our learners are feeling settled into the new school year.

### Primary 5 – Term 1

<b>We are learning:</b>		
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>We have really enjoyed getting to know our new classes and have completed some wonderful work as a part of our 'creating a nurturing classroom' whole school project. We have been working on our golf swings in PE with Mrs Thom this term. It has been great to see how many budding golfers we have in Primary 5. We are also focusing on team games in PE, developing positive sportsmanship and learning new skills.</p>	<p><b>Literacy</b></p> <p>This term in P5 we will be continuing to follow our Talk for Writing Programme and use some wonderful model texts to inspire us. We will also be developing our reading skills, linked to our Reflective Reading programme and class novels. We will be working on our fantastic research skills and use these to discover lots of interesting information as a part of our Inspirational People topic.</p>	<p><b>Numeracy and Mathematics</b></p> <p>Within numeracy we will focus on being able to:          Learn to use addition and subtraction strategies and develop multiplication and division skills.          Exploring different 2D and 3D shapes in our classroom and school environment.          Investigate how different combinations of coins and notes can be used to pay for goods and services, and develop our ability to work out change from any given amount.          Exploring simple unit fractions and finding their equivalents.</p>
<p><b>Ethos and Wider Life of the School</b></p> <p>We are very excited to be taking part in Maths Week Scotland again this year, and can't wait for you to join us too! More information will be coming soon - watch this space!          We have also started our latest block of Wider Curriculum choices. We had great fun in session 1 learning all sorts of things from coding to tennis to dancing. We can't wait to see what we all learn next!</p>		<p><b>Opportunities for Wider Achievement</b></p> <p>We love hearing about the amazing things you are all achieving in and out of school. We will be finding opportunities to share our successes, both big and small in class.          We will be running a number of Extra Curricular clubs after school, and lunchtime learning opportunities throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>Learning across the Curriculum</b></p> <p>We are looking forward to starting our new project soon where we will be looking at 'Inspirational People'. We can't wait to learn more about some of our favourite people and maybe even discover some interesting, creative and inspiring stories we haven't heard yet.</p>	<p><b>Discrete Subjects</b></p> <p>We have already started to show our wonderful art skills to start to make our classrooms feel like a fun and engaging place to work. We are looking forward to continuing to develop this throughout the term. We will also be revising our knowledge of French and hopefully learning some new vocabulary.</p>	
<b>Key Dates</b>		
<p><b>15th - 18th September</b> - School Holiday  <b>25th - 29th September</b> - Maths Week Scotland</p>	<p><b>22nd September</b> - Wider Curriculum 2</p>	

**13th October** - October Break Starts (Normal School finish)