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Dear Parent and Carers,

We can't believe that we are already in Term 2 in Primary 5! It has flown by, and we have been so impressed with the hard work that has been shown by our learners. We have a very exciting term coming up, with activities such as Skiing and Christmas on the agenda! We can't wait to celebrate all of our amazing achievements in Term 2!

Primary 5 – Term 2

We are learning:			
<p>Literacy</p> <p>This term, we will continue to develop our writing through the use of our Talk for Writing programme, focusing on a 'Beat the Monster' story and writing an autobiography! We can't wait to publish our writing and share these with you. We also have exciting Reflective Reading activities planned to develop specific reading skills, using our reading books and non-fiction texts about our topic. We will continue to develop our spelling knowledge, focusing on new patterns every week, which will be consolidated in our weekly homework tasks!</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>In PE we will be continuing to work on our teamwork skills. We will be focusing on ball games with Mrs Thom and will even be practising some Scottish Country Dancing nearer to Christmas time, in preparation for our Christmas Parties!</p>	<p>Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>We have been working really hard on our Numeracy so far in Primary 5, which has been great to see. This term we will continue to build on our recall of multiplication and division facts, applying these to tricky word problems. We will also build on our knowledge of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. In Maths, we will begin to look at different angles, describing them using mathematical vocabulary, and using equipment such as compasses to try and draw some different angles. We will also continue to work on telling the time and using of different timetables, and using and understanding money, using a budget.</p>	
<p>Ethos and Wider Life of the School</p> <p>This term we are lucky enough to be visited by the 'Rookie Rockstars' as part of Anti-bullying Week. There will be more information to follow - this is shaping up to be a very fun week of important learning! ☺</p> <p>We are also looking forward to finishing our latest block of Wider Curriculum! It has been great sharing all of the fun things we have been learning so far.</p>			<p>Opportunities for Wider Achievement</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, so keep us up to date! ☺</p> <p>We will be running a number of Extra Curricular clubs after school, and lunchtime learning opportunities throughout the year.</p>
<p>Learning across the Curriculum</p> <p>This term, we are very excited to be learning all about Natural Disasters. We have got lots of fun, exciting activities planned to help us to learn about the causes of natural disasters, the effects, and how they change and impact the world around us.</p>		<p>Discrete Subjects</p> <p>This term we will be continuing our French work, building on the vocabulary we have learned already. We will be using our Chromebooks to help us to build our digital skills, applying these within our learning. We will also be exploring the Christmas Story in RME and looking at how this is celebrated by Christians around the world.</p>	
<p>Key Dates</p>			
<p>8th & 9th November - Parents Consultations 13th - 17th November - Anti Bullying Week & Book Week Scotland 22nd November - Rookie Rockstars Concert Christmas Countdown Calendar to come</p>		<p>3rd November & 8th December - Wider Curriculum 2nd Nov - 13th Dec - Skiing every Wednesday (Excluding 6th December) 22nd December - Christmas Break Starts (Normal School finish)</p>	