

	Aberlour Primary School 2023-24, Term 1 Class Overview Primary 5-6	
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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI Mr Kearton
From week 4: Homework issued	Bikeability	P5: Ukulele ICT with Mrs Griffiths	Big Writing	Homework, please! Spelling check-up
Accelerated Reader/ Reading book	Accelerated Reader/ Reading book	Accelerated Reader/ Reading book	Accelerated Reader/ Reading book	PE with Mr West

	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	
	READING	Our reading focus this term is with getting back into using Accelerated Reader, and completing the comprehension quizzes in class. The children should have their reading book with them every day at school and take it home to read too. We have enjoyed starting “Varjak Paw” as our main literacy focus, with drama and written activities base around this novel.
	WRITING	We will have a variety of Big Writing tasks, including how to write a recount with an interesting opener and clear structure. Very soon we will be writing persuasive speeches, with the P6’s having the chance to persuade the school to vote for them as Vice-Captains and the P5’s advocating for a change of their own choosing. We will practise handwriting, punctuation and grammar skills with activities drawn from reading and topic work. Spelling and Big Writing start in earnest in week 4.
	LISTENING & TALKING	The pupils identified listening to others as a key part of the P5/6 class charter. We will be recognising good manners and polite behaviour, and using some listening skills as part of our literacy and maths activities. We will also be preparing speeches and talks for different purposes.
How can parents help		❖ Support your child to read their Accelerated Reader every school night. ❖ Read with your child. ❖ Ask your child questions about their book and support them to find the answer in the text or pictures. ❖ Short, frequent homework sessions using weekly spelling words.

	MATHS	
	Number / Place Value	Our initial focus this term is on place value, where a digit is and the value that this digit holds. This understanding of number allows for the use of traditional written methods for addition and subtraction. The class will be working at different levels of complexity as appropriate to skills and experience. As part of our work on place value, we will be estimating and rounding to the nearest 10, hundred and thousand and using this skill to estimate and check mental and written calculations. The idea here is that this can help us spot mistakes and improve the accuracy of our work.
	Measurement	There will also be a focus this term on measurement encouraging the pupils to add, subtract and compare different lengths, volume/capacity and more. Learning this material is important as it develops pupils' problem-solving skills while investigating practical problems.
Encourage your child to: ❖ Use Sumdog for 20 minutes a week. ❖ Verbal practice of questions from their Learn-its and of times tables they are learning. ❖ Estimate time, weight, length, distance in everyday life.		

	HEALTH AND WELLBEING / INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING	
	Primary 5/6 have made a great start to the beginning of term and we will continue to promote a positive and happy environment! The focus for P.E this term is skills for team game with Mr West, developing communication and awareness and movement sequences. We also have a short block of Bikeability, led by Outfit Moray, on Tuesday afternoons. Our IDL topic this term is focussed on children’s rights. We will be taking the book “I have the right to be a child” by Sarah Ardizzone as our starting point for activities and discussion. This will provide a comparison point with children in other parts of the world and be the basis for literacy activities later in the term.	