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Dear Parent and Carers,

We have had a lovely start back to our new school year. It has been great welcoming our primary 6 learners back to school and getting to know them and settling into our new classrooms. We are all looking forward to a busy year ahead with lots of fun and exciting learning planned!

Primary 6 – Term 1

We are learning:			
Health and Wellbeing We have had a great start back to the year and enjoyed participating in our whole school health and wellbeing project 'Building a Classroom Community.' We will also continue to follow our whole school Building Resilience Programme this session. We will be further exploring the UNCRC and working co-operatively to create interesting presentations on this. We will be using a growth mind-set when facing challenges in our learning to help us persevere when things seems tricky. We have been working on our golf swings in PE with Mrs Thom this term. We are also focusing on team games in PE, developing positive sportsmanship and learning new skills.	Literacy In literacy this term we will be working weekly on handwriting and letter formation. We will be focusing on the use of descriptive words and phrases in imaginative writing, such as adjectives, similes and metaphors etc. Fiction writing will be based on the Talk for Writing scheme. Non-fiction writing will also be covered this term and it will be based around our Topics. We will be using out listening and talking skills whilst presenting on UNCRC and also being an audience member for other groups. We will continue to follow the Reflective Reading program by completing 'Short Reads' and 'Long Reads' each week.	Numeracy and Mathematics We will continue to focus on our individual learning targets linked to Maths Basic Facts. Develop understanding of place value up to 1,000,000. We will continue to revise all 4 processes addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will look at 2D and 3D Shape and their properties. We will be looking at pattern, symmetry and tiling. We will continue to develop skills for life, learning and work through our maths and numeracy program. We will be participating in 'Maths Week Scotland' again this year which has a focus of time. We will take part in many 'time' based activities throughout.	
Ethos and Wider Life of the School We are excited to take part in 'Maths Week Scotland' this year. We will further explore the UN Rights of the Child through "Children In Need." We have started our first block of Wider Curriculum and have enjoyed mixing with other teachers and learners. We will begin to visit nursery and build relationships with learners there.			Opportunities for Wider Achievement We are excited to hear about the fantastic 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.
Learning across the Curriculum We will be participating in whole class novel Studies of 'Wonder' (P6HB) and 'Holes' (P6W) and exploring the themes and topics within these. We will research the UNCRC and explore its conception, what specific articles mean and how it applies to the lives of learners.	Discrete Subjects We will be developing our respect for others and their beliefs through stories from Christianity and Other World Religions. We will use our Chromebooks to support and enhance our learning across the curriculum. We will continue to develop our confidence in using a Foreign Language (French).		
Key Dates			
15th - 18th September - School Holiday 25th - 29th September - Maths Week Scotland		22nd September - Wider Curriculum 2 13th October - October Break Starts (Normal School finish)	