Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely October break. P5/4 are working hard, and we have another busy term ahead with a lot of exciting things planned.

Literacy

The class will continue to develop a range of reading strategies through Active Literacy including using prior knowledge, metalinguistics, visualisation, inference, main ideas and summarising. Pupils will also plan, rehearse and deliver a short group talk to the class audience to develop their talking and listening skills. In writing, children will create persuasive and procedural texts. Children will also continue to develop a range of spelling strategies through Active Literacy, such as using phonic knowledge, syllabification and mnemonics.

Maths and Numeracy

In maths and numeracy, the class will cover a range of topics including multiplication and division strategies, equivalent fractions and using the inverse operation to check calculations. Pupils will continue to develop their mental maths ability and problem-solving skills by taking part in Number Talks. Please encourage your child to practise applying their maths skills in daily life, such as by telling the time on analogue and digital clocks and by adding money and calculating change.

Health and Wellbeing

Our P.E days this term will be Tuesdays (indoors) and Wednesdays (outdoors). Children should attend school on P.E days wearing dark coloured jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt or polo-shirt and their Blackfriars sweatshirt or cardigan. Please ensure that your child does not wear jewellery to school and that long hair is tied back.

The class are currently receiving a 6-week block of Impact Arts dance sessions during their Tuesday P.E slot. Parents and carers will be invited to a dance showcase on the final week of this block. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Class Assembly

Our class 'Bonfire Night' assembly will be on Friday 6th November. We are pleased to invite parents and carers to watch. You can come for 'Blackfriars Blether' which will begin from 9.10am or just join us for the assembly performance. This will begin at 9.30am sharp so please ensure you are seated by then.

Samba Sessions

Starting on Thursday 29th October, the class will take part in weekly samba music sessions with Mrs Murdoch for six weeks.

Homework

Homework will be added to the Seesaw activities every Monday at 3pm. Daily use of Sumdog is also beneficial to help your child to develop their numeracy skills.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Pollock