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| ‘Exciting learning within our friendly and active community of Roslin and Bilston’ |

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I’m pleased to say the children have come back from the Christmas holidays refreshed and ready to learn. I’ve rearranged the classroom area differently and it has had a positive effect on the levels of concentration and attention, which is always welcome!

At Roslin Primary we try hard to make sure the children are outside at break times whenever possible. In this wintry weather, an extra pair of socks in the school bag is always useful, just in case of unavoidable wet feet!

Miss Pow

**Topic**

Primary 6 have been given the exciting opportunity to take part in the year’s “MidVision” competition. There are 33 schools in Midlothian taking part, and it will involve: researching a foreign country; making a short documentary film; and composing, recording and performing a song. This project is designed to encourage language learning, as well as integrate other experiences and outcomes in literacy, technology, social subjects and music. Both P6 classes will be working co-operatively to research aspects of our assigned country: South Africa.

**Health & Wellbeing**

P6 will spend some time this term working on the “Relationships, sexual health and parenthood” outcomes in the Health curriculum. The main topics to be covered are physical and emotional changes in the body, how human life begins and how a baby is born.

We also have a cricket coach coming in to teach us basic skills in the sport. Hopefully we can put these to good use in the summer!

**Expressive Arts/ Technologies**

This term our expressive arts will tie into the MidVision competition. We will use art, music, dance and drama to help us explore the culture of South Africa. With technology we will learn about the theory and production of cinema. This will help us to plan and organise our research groups to capture and edit video and audio to create the P6 MidVision documentary.

**R.M.E**

P6 will be looking at how Muslims pray this term, and compare and contrast this with our knowledge of Christian worship. We will also be finding out more about the architecture of a Mosque, where we will discuss the main features and uses of the building.

**Numeracy & Maths**

In numeracy P6B will be working on place value and integers, as well as looking at various methods of addition and subtraction. Both P6 class groups will also continue to work with class teachers and our secondary colleagues on Fridays to focus on particular areas of numeracy, including fractions, decimals and percentages. In practical maths we will be looking at 2D & 3D shape, along with angles and symmetry.

**Literacy & Language**

In reading, we will continue our development of reading skills by identifying the types of questions we ask ourselves when we are reading. We will also be reading the book “Holes” as a class novel study. We have immersed ourselves in Scots language this month and the children have had a lot of fun listening to Scots songs and poetry, creating our own Scots dictionaries and writing fearsome descriptions of the ‘unco beasties’ that live in our imagination!