

Cluny Primary School

Class Newsletter



Term Two

October to December 2025

Primary 5

Mr Ewen

Term 2 is the 'Christmas Term' full of fun and excitement for the children; the school full of colour and song. Classes are, of course, still covering different aspects of our curriculum with each child working at their own pace and level, supported into their next steps by all our staff. Please see more details below about what your child's class hopes to cover in Term 2. Thank you for your support.

Literacy and Language

- **Reading** – Developing core reading skills of inference, visualisation, metacognition, clarifying and summarising through shared reading of our class novel 'Flat Stanley'. Showing high-level comprehension in our guided reading groups and with discrete texts. Building pace, fluency and expression whilst reading aloud in groups.
- **Writing** – Our writing genre this term is narrative. Expanding vocabulary by describing characters, settings and emotions. Increasing use of connectives and openers. Accurate use of punctuation and full sentencing.
- **Spelling** – Weekly spelling practise of common words, phonemes and spelling rules through strategies, diacritics and sentences.
- **Listening/Talking** – Class discussion and debate, comprehension of audio and visual texts.
- **Languages** – Describing ourselves and families in French. Introduction to Spanish colours and numbers. Cultural awareness through significant events (Halloween, El Dia de los Muertos, Christmas). Mandarin with Rita weekly.

Number Processes and Beyond Number

- **Number Processes** – Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, word problems.
- **Beyond Number** – Angle, symmetry and transformation, position and movement.

Dates for your Diary (UPDATED):

NOVEMBER

Mon 10 and Tue 11 – In-service Days. No pupils in school (staff only, in for training).

Fri 14 – Children in Need (wear colours)

Sat 15 – Buckie Christmas Cracker

Thurs 20 - All Teach, All Learn (ATAL) 2
Parent/Carer **Open Morning** – WRITING
9.15am start in the hall.

Fri 28 – Learner Update 1 goes out

DECEMBER

Fri 5 – Christmas Lunch (can wear jumpers etc.)

Tue 9 – Christmas Song Showcase – PLEASE
NOTE THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THREE SHOWS
THROUGH THE SCHOOL DAY.

Mon 15 – Celebrating Success school assembly – Please encourage your child/ren to bring in any awards etc.

Thur 18 – Christmas Party Fun Day (already booked for this year – new HT will revisit this for 2026) then **Carols in the Square** in the evening

Mon 22 – Jan 2 Jan 2026 (inclusive) –
Christmas **Holidays**

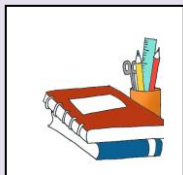
Other Curricular News

- Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) and Science – Our Scientific World – Forces, electricity, magnets and waves.
- PE – Basketball, team games and dance (Scottish social dancing and contemporary party dances).
- Technologies – Digital literacy skills.
- RME (Mrs McCallum) – Christianity Bible stories, parables, miracles and religious celebrations.
- Expressive Arts (Mrs McCallum) – Line drawing and colours, singing (Christmas songs).

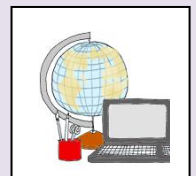
Homework

- Reading Books – set passages to be read at home and discussed – RED AND YELLOW GROUPS ONLY
- Reading for pleasure – promoting enjoyment and choice.
- Spelling – practising weekly word lists using list of strategies *or* via Sumdog (out Monday, due Friday).
- Maths – fortnightly maths task set on Sumdog.

Our Class Timetable for Term Two of Academic Year 2025 - 2026:



09.00 – 15.10	Events/Activities
Monday	Literacy (Spelling, Reading) Maths (Number) French/Spanish and Assembly
Tuesday	Literacy (Spelling, Grammar, Writing Prep) PE Maths (Number) and IDL/Science
Wednesday	Literacy (Library, Spelling) and Mandarin with Rita Maths (Number) IDL/Science and Literacy (Reading)
Thursday Mrs McCallum 11.50-15.10	Literacy (Spelling, Writing) Maths (Beyond Number) RME and Art
Friday	Literacy (Reading) and Recorder with Mr Friday Maths (Beyond Number) and Spelling Tests PE and ICT



This timetable is subject to change. Thank you for ensuring personal items – bottles and clothing – are labelled.

Please ensure children have a coat each day as weather can be changeable.

We continue on our journey as a Rights Respecting School, with a fresh focus on specific UNCRC Articles (Rights) across the school each month.

Right of the Month:

October 2025

Article 19 – You have the right to be protected from harm (including during Halloween and Fireworks Night)

November 2025

Article 24 – You have the right to good health and healthcare (including during flu and winter bug season – please remember to wash your hands!)

December 2025

Article 31 – You have the right to relax and play and enjoy a range of cultural and artistic activities (including having art lessons and songs relating to winter and Christmas time)