

Cluny Primary School

Class Newsletter



Term Three

January to March 2026

Primary 5E

Mr Ewen

Term 3 has started under a blanket of snow – 2026 has been quite memorable so far. We thank everyone in our Cluny community for their patience and co-operation during this period of closure and uncertainty. This is another busy term for us with Scottish Opera, cross country, Bikeability, another Open Morning for parents/carers (Maths/Numeracy this time) and not to mention.... a new Head Teacher starting! Phew... Thank you in advance for your support as we make the most of these great opportunities and continue covering all areas of the primary curriculum. Please see below for more information:

Literacy and Language

- **Reading** – Developing core reading skills of inference, visualisation, metacognition, clarifying and summarising through various texts in reading groups, including non-fiction. Showing high-level comprehension in our guided reading groups and with discrete texts. Building pace, fluency and expression whilst reading aloud in groups. Reading for pleasure every day in class. Developing critical literacy skills through studying visual media texts.
- **Writing** – Our first writing genre this term is *instructions*. Using correct structure/layout, expanding our use of adjectives, verbs and adverbs and writing clearly. We will then move on to *reports*, which will involve some research and note-taking to provide detailed information in our own words about a range of topics. We will also begin writing *responses*, which links with our critical literacy by analysing and evaluating various texts.
- **Spelling** – Weekly spelling practise of common words, phonemes and spelling rules through strategies, diacritics and sentences. Applying these in our writing.
- **Listening/Talking** – Class discussion and debate, comprehension of audio and visual texts. Preparing and delivering a solo talk on a topic of our choice.
- **Modern Languages** – Describing where we live and our likes/dislikes in French. Learning more about the

Dates for your Diary:

- **Monday 19 January 2026** – Community Action Group 3 – Pupils meeting during assembly time
- **Thursday 5 February 2026** – All Teach, All Learn Open Morning (Numeracy) – Meet in Hall 9.15am
- **Wednesday 11th February 2026** – Valentine's Disco after school
- **Thursday 12 February 2026** – In-service Day – no pupils in school
- **Friday 13 - Tuesday 17 February 2026** (inclusive) – School Holidays
- **Wednesday 18 February 2026** – ASN Tea and Talk session – details to come (9.30 – 10.30am)
- Miss Karam's last day around first week of March (TBC)
- **Thursday 5 March 2026** – World Book Day (details to follow).
- **Friday 13 March 2026** – Buckie ASG Cross Country.
- **Our last day of Term 3 is Friday 27 March 2026, we return for Term 4 on Monday 13 April 2026**

Francophone world. Mandarin with Rita weekly. We may touch more on Spanish too as our additional language.

Number Processes and Beyond Number

- **Number and Number Processes** – Multiplication and Division; Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; and Time.
- **Beyond Number** – Data Handling and Ideas of Chance and Uncertainty.

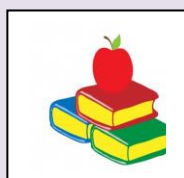
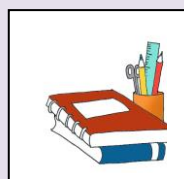
Other Curricular News

- **Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)** – Our Ancient World – exploring and researching ancient civilisations around the world, comparing and contrasting their lifestyles and cultures with our own, placing them on a time line and analysing their lasting importance to our society.
- **PE** – Badminton and Gymnastics. 6 weeks of team games coaching – Basketball and Netball – at Buckie High School from 19th January.
- **Health and Wellbeing** – Substance misuse and mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing.
- **Technologies** – research skills, creating and delivering a Powerpoint Presentation, computing science (animations) and digital literacy skills.
- **RME** (Mrs McCallum) – Hinduism - gods, stories and place of worship.
- **Expressive Arts** (Mrs McCallum) – Visual elements (colour) and studying various artists.

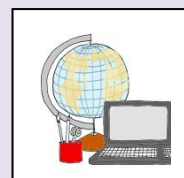
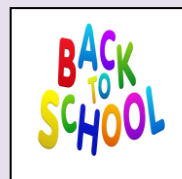
Homework

- 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 linked to class learning.

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



09.00-15.10	Events/Activities
Monday Homework Out	Spelling and PE at BHS Maths – Number Reading and Assembly
Tuesday	Spelling, Writing and Grammar Maths – Number French and IDL
Wednesday	Spelling and Mandarin (with Rita) Maths – Number IDL and Reading
Thursday Mrs McCallum 11.50-15.10	Spelling and Writing Maths – Beyond Number RME, HWB and Art (Mrs McCallum)
Friday Homework Due	Spelling Tests and Reading Maths – Beyond Number and HWB PE and ICT



PE Days – Mondays (Weeks 3-9 at BHS), Tuesdays (Weeks 1-2, 10-12) and Fridays.

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

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:

January 2026

*Article 3 – **Adults must always do what is best for you** – When adults make decisions that affect you, they should think about what is best for you..*

February 2026

*Article 12 – **You have the right to be listened to** – Your opinions matter, and adults should take them seriously as much as possible.*

March 2026

*Article 27 – **You have the right to a good standard of living** – food, clothes and a safe home.*