



# Kaimhill School

## Classroom Connection



2019/20

What a fantastic first few weeks P5 have had – time has flown by!

Initially, routines, rules and responsibilities were introduced to the class. These have embedded gradually. Also, we learned things about each other, including our interests, goals, strengths and development areas.

Overall, we have set ourselves up with a strong foundation from which we can both bond and grow together.

### Literacy

We have been enjoying a Class Novel together, 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio (now a popular feature film), which provides fantastic material for insightful discussion on topics like 'what does it mean to be ordinary' and 'embracing differences'.

We will also write about the themes in the book and analyse writer's craft.

So far this term, we have learned to use dictionaries to aid spelling and understanding; how to use adverbs to enhance writing; and letter writing.

### Numeracy

'Big Maths', a basic numeracy skill programme is underway. Small interactive maths exercises will be delivered most days.

We have also been assessing our progress in numeracy to identify pertinent areas to focus on. We have begun to focus on Place Value and will continue to do so for the next week.

Data Handling and Shape will be forthcoming mathematical areas of focus.

### Classroom Schedule

**Monday-** Assembly; Music with Mr Thomson

**Tuesday-** Library with Mr Rafferty

**Wednesday-** PE

**Thursday-** Writing; French; RME; Problem Solving with Mrs Christie

**Friday-** PE; Collecting Opinions to Grow our School (COGS)

### IDL

We completed a STEM group activity where pupils built bridges using gumdrops and cocktail sticks. It helped pupils build relationships, practice problem solving and learn about the planning process behind engineering.

We also learned what Growth Mindset is and why it is so fundamental.

We have created a Class Charter, which details ways in which pupils and adults can ensure our rights are being met.

'Star Homework' is to be launched soon, which will include Spelling, Maths and Writing. A letter with more details will be sent home via pupils in due course.