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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- We have gym sessions on a Wednesday and a Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate kit.
- Please ensure your child's name is still on all belongings.
- In-service days: Friday 7th February and Wednesday 12th February.
- We are closed for our mid term break from **Thursday 6th February until Wednesday 12th February** with pupils returning on **Thursday 13th February**.
- (Come Count with Me' Tuesday 18th February
- PARENTS EVENING Wednesday 18th March 2020.
- The last day of term is Friday 3rd April 2020.
- Due to extreme allergies in the school, please ensure your child does not bring in food containing nuts.

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Curriculum News

Term: 2 Dates: January-April Class: Primary 5



Literacy and English

Reading

This term children will continue to explore both novels and non-fiction books in class. To build deeper understanding of what we are reading, we will be looking at different types of questions and developing our higher order thinking skills. As part of their homework, children will read parts of these books each week. We will also explore a variety of topic related texts to build our comprehension skills.

Writing

Children will participate in a range of activities to develop their skills in a variety of writing genres, including poetry, imaginative and persuasive writing. We will also use VCOP as a tool to help us up level our writing.

Talking and listening

Within talking and listening, we will develop our skills by participating in a class debate. We will use self and peer assessment to help us to find and improve our areas for development. We will also develop our ability to work well together with a variety of group tasks throughout the curriculum.

Mathematics

The main focuses for learning will be within:

- Number Processes (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division) and Mental Maths continuing to build on our skills from last term,
- Multiples, Primes and Factors.
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.
- Expressions and Equations
- Grid References
- Measurement

Social Studies

For the month of January, our topic will be Famous Scots throughout History. We will work together to learn about lots of different famous Scots to build a timeline of the country's history. Following this we will learn about Sustainability.

I.C.T. / Technologies

Within ICT we will develop our Controlling, Programming and Coding skills, as well as Multimedia Capture and Manipulation.

Health & Wellbeing includes Physical Education

PE

Within P.E. we will focus on:

- Dance.
- Gymnastics.
- Ball Skills

Please ensure appropriate gym kit is worn: a change of shoes, t-shirt and shorts. **No** jewellery should be worn and long hair should be tied back.

Health & Well-Being

Within Health & Wellbeing, we will focus on Healthy Eating, and continue to follow our whole-school PAThS programme to develop our understanding of feelings and relationships.

Expressive Arts

<u>Drama</u>

Within Drama, we will continue with hot seating and other drama conventions inspired by our class topics.

Art and Design

Within Art & Design, we will recap our colour theory and practice our perspective. We will also experiment with creating 3D images using a variety of materials such as clay and junk.

Music

Within Music, following the Scottish theme this month, we will look at different Scottish instruments and music, and develop our ability to listen for and identify different instruments in music.

We will also build on our rhythm skills, using drumsticks and other percussion instruments to practice and develop.

Religious & Moral Education

Festivals and Celebrations within Hinduism.

Science

- Famous Scottish Scientists and Inventors
- Energy (Renewable vs. Non-Renewable)
- Electricity
- Biodiversity

Modern Languages

Within French, skills in listening, talking, reading and writing will be developed, with a particular focus on:

- My family
- Directional Phrases
- Easter Phrases

Children will also continue to receive a weekly Mandarin input to encourage their verbal skills in this area.

<u>Homework</u>

Homework will be issued on a Tuesday to be returned the following Monday.

Homework will usually include a spelling and maths related activity. Topic homework may also be issued at various points throughout the term.

You will find a times table sheet in your child's homework pack. We would ask that you spend some time every week revising these.

Please continue to encourage your child to read for enjoyment.



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