



The learning so far...

A new boy arrived in our class at the beginning of term...his name is Flat Stanley. He is a character from a set of books by Jeff Brown and he is settling in well with Primary 3. We are already using him as a stimulus for our learning. In art, we are designing and making clothes for Stanley and this links well to our science work about the properties of different materials. In maths, we measured Stanley before finding out about other aspects of measurement and weighing and measuring each other. In literacy, we are meeting and interviewing different people to find out about their various jobs. We are expecting visits from a police officer and a lumberjack this week. We would like to interview our school cook and janitor too. As Stanley needs a health check, we hope our school nurse can come to answer our questions about this. Our expressive skills are developing well and we led a really informative Eco-assembly at the end of last term. We are entertaining the elderly residents at Hamewith care home this week, by singing Scottish songs, reciting poems and chatting to them about their childhood memories.

Learning across the curriculum

Literacy

We are learning to...

- Write newspaper reports.
- Recite poetry and write our own poems.
- Recognise and use VCOP strategies.
- Scan texts to find relevant information for specific tasks.
- Give a short presentation to our class.
- Conduct an interview.

Numeracy

We are learning to...

- Measure in different ways.
- Work with numbers beyond 100.
- Count in 2's, 5's and 10's and develop quick recall of multiplication facts.
- Interpret graphs and charts.
- Develop the problem solving strategies-
 - *Look for a pattern*
 - *Guess, check and improve.*

Health & Wellbeing

We are learning ...

- About different health checks we require..
- About ways to keep safe.
- To make healthy choices in our diet.
- About the importance of the family unit.
- Where to seek help in different circumstances.

Ideas/strategies to support your child's learning

- Enjoy reading books, comics, newspapers etc together to help with fluency and vocabulary enrichment.
- Play board games to encourage turn-taking, fairness and the use of different strategies.
- In 'topmarks' go to the literacy section and use the Look, Cover, Spell and Check game to help reinforce the weekly spelling words.
- The 'topmarks' Hit the Button game will help with quick recall in mental maths.
- Engage with simple homework tasks and help your child to work in an organised way.