

Literacy

Mild

Reading

Say hello to our new friends...

Hamish, Heather & Harris

Scotland is well known for its wildlife, something we should all be proud of to have on our doorstep. Our focus for this fortnight will be Scottish animals. Reading stories and learning about what animals we can go visit when we are able to go outside more.

In the Mainland we will meet Hamish and Heather, two wonderful Highland Cows. On the Coastline we will meet Harris a Puffin who helps a Seal. Follow the links below to listen to a readthrough.

Activities will be set on the blog including questions, word muddles, definitions, rhyme time and more.

Hamish the Highland Cow

<https://bit.ly/2AhHcZv>

Heather the Highland Cow

<https://bit.ly/3cSrnpd>

Harris the Hero

<https://bit.ly/2XRe2sN>

Fact Finding

Explore DK Online and other sites or wildlife books you may have at home and learn about these Scottish Animals, there will be a resources on the blog to support with a quiz and fact sorting activity to follow afterwards.

Spicy

Reading

Download a collection of Scottish poems for free by following this link: [Scottish poems](#)
If you are unsure what some of the words mean, try looking them up in the [Dictionary of the Scots Language](#)

If you'd prefer to listen to a song in Scots, click on the next link. It's about a tod (fox) and has been illustrated by pupils from Fyvie School. Maybe you could have a go at creating your own illustrations once you have listened to it?

[The Tod](#)

Listening and Talking

Present a weather forecast

Scotland has some unique weather and it can change daily or hourly sometimes. Observe the weather for three days and then try to predict your own weather forecast for a day of your choice. Record your ideas and either present it as a weather map for Scotland or try and present it as a video and share on Seesaw.

Read a poem aloud in Scots

Choose a poem from the collection featured in the Reading section - [Scottish poems](#). Once you have selected a poem, practise reading it out loud in your best Scots accent. Ask a

Hot

Reading – Methlick’s Book Club

We will continue to read J.K. Rowling’s new novel – The Ickabog.

Each week, we will read a couple of chapters, discuss the story and complete activities. Activities will be posted on a Monday and we will discuss our responses on a Friday.

We are currently on **Chapter 4** of the story. Feel free to read on if you wish but please do not reveal any story details on the blog. The activities provided will be a deep dive into each chapter. Read the story so far - <https://bit.ly/3eoPBIY>

J.K. Rowling has also challenged children to create illustrations for the book that will be published later in the year. More information on this competition can be found at - <https://bit.ly/2zzey5x>

A to Z of Places in Scotland

Step 1: You can do this activity manually using a map of Scotland if you have or electronically

Step 2: Try and find a place in Scotland for each letter of the alphabet.

Step 3: Find either a describing word for each place or a half or quarter of the words you have.

Step 4: Clap syllables for each of the places.

Letter	Place	Description	Syllable
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Listening and Talking

Scots Language

Let's all have a go at learning some Scot words, for most of us we use Scots words every day. Make a list of words you believe to be a Scots word. A post will be put on the grid with a list of words to learn.

Can you record or film a conversation between yourself and a family member using the new Scots language words you have learned.

Writing

My Favourite Spot in Methlick

We can all love and admire certain areas of Methlick but to each of us there is a spot that is our favourite. It might be because of the view, it might be where something occurs regularly that you enjoy, or it could bring back memories. Draw a picture of your favourite spot or take a picture on your walk and write about it.

Using adjectives, can you describe your favourite sport in detail, imagine you are telling someone who has not visited Methlick. Explain why it is your favourite spot and why they should visit it as well.

How would someone know where your spot is. This company has given every square metre an address of 3 words. Follow the link or use the app

<https://what3words.com/>

Find the meaning of your 3 words and can you put them in a sentence?

member of your family to record you saying it and upload it to Seesaw.

Writing

Competition Time

Suitable for mild/spicy/hot. The Scottish Book Trust is running a story-writing competition for young writers aged 5-11. The closing date is June 30th. Click here for details on how to take part. [Scottish Book Trust Competition - Fog](#)

Make a mini-book

Create your own mini-book and fill it with tiny poems and illustrations about Scotland.

Instructions on creating your book are here: [Make a Mini-Book](#)

Hunners o' Scunners

Scots in Schools is an online language resource centre funded by the Scottish government. Follow the link below to learn how to create a horror character in Scots.

Who are they? What do they do that makes them a Scunner? And why do they do it?

[How to create your own 'Scunner'](#)

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Writing

A Guide to Methlick

We would like to write a guidebook for the village of Methlick. You will need to consider who you are writing it for – adults or children.

Adult – Here are some ideas:

- Where to buy groceries
- Places to eat (restaurants)
- Places to go (parks, walking, woods etc)
- Points of interest (war memorial, church)
- Nearby (Haddo House, Fyvie Castle, House of Schivas)

Children – Here are some ideas:

- Places to play and meet friends
- Location of the school
- Bike and walking trails
- Clubs to join (Scouts, Brownies etc)
- Activities nearby (Haddo, Lochter, Clubs, Soft play, etc)

More information on this activity will be posted on the blog, Tuesday 16th.