



Term 3 is here and Christmas seems a distant memory! There are lots of things to look forward to. For the first part of the term we will be learning about all things Scottish, including Robert Burns and culminating in the Scots Verse competition towards the end of January. We are very excited about starting our Katie Morag topic in a few weeks. World Book Day in early March is always fun and we all look forward to the arrival of spring! Here's what we're planning ...

### Literacy

#### Reading

We will continue to use the Big Cats reading books in school and at home. We will also have reading activities linked to our Katie Morag IDL. As part of this we will also explore non-fiction texts about aspects of geography such as mapping and island life. We hope to link in with some of the P6 pupils this term for weekly Reading Buddy sessions.

#### Spelling

The Active Spelling Programme will continue to be our main resource to develop our spelling strategies.

#### Writing

Through our IDL topics together with seasonal celebrations like Easter our writing will be focused on book reviews, summaries and analysis together with practice in re-telling stories we have heard or read. We will continue to focus on producing lengthier pieces of writing and developing more interesting vocabulary in our writing as we move through the term.



### Numeracy

All groups will continue consolidating adding and subtracting extending our number range to 100. We will be learning about the concept of multiplying and dividing in 2,5 and 10 which will link in with fractions.

We will also cover other aspects of the numeracy curriculum such as directions/co-ordinates/angles and time.

The Number Talks programme will continue to improve our ability to see patterns in number and to help us with problem-solving challenges.

Using **Sumdog** regularly as part of weekly homework will help to reinforce basic mathematical concepts and to highlight areas for consolidation.

The Topmarks maths website is also excellent to consolidate mathematical concepts, particularly times tables!



### Health & wellbeing

We continue with the PATHS programme to help us to make friendships, resolve problems and increase our self-confidence. We will continue to award Star certificates at assembly for a range of positive behaviours.

#### P.E.

This will continue twice-weekly. Our focus is gymnastics and dance followed by basketball and netball after the February break. Please note you cannot use outdoor shoes in the gym hall as this may damage the flooring in the hall so make sure you have gym shoes in school. May we remind you that jewellery should not be worn during P.E. Make sure you practise how to take your earrings out! Please also note that shorts are preferable to leggings or tights.

### Contexts for Learning

As part of our Scotland topic we will be learning about the Scots language and practising our poem for the Scots Verse Competition. We will also find out a little about the Scottish artist Charles Rennie Mackintosh but our main IDL focus will be Katie Morag and her adventures on Struay. We are looking forward to lots of fun art activities linked to this.

#### Homework

Thank you for your regular support in our homework programme. Please choose one of the two poems sent home last week to learn off by heart. Finalists will be chosen on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Regular reading practice is so important in our learning journey. Please continue using the Sumdog site for numeracy practice. We wish you well over the coming weeks,  
Miss Lochrie and Mrs McGrath

