



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!

Literacy

Reading

We will continue to use the Big Cats reading books in school and at home. We will also undertake reading activities linked to our Katie Morag IDL. As part of this we will also explore non-fiction texts on aspects of geography such as mapping and island life.

Spelling

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

Writing

Our writing focus will be a sequence of lessons on persuasive writing, which will link to our Scottish topic. Through our IDL topic, we will write book reviews, summaries and analysis together with practice of re-telling stories we have heard or read.

We will continue to focus on producing lengthier pieces and acting on our green for growth feedback.



Numeracy

All groups will continue adding and subtracting, extending our number range to 100. We will begin to introduce the concept of multiplying and dividing by grouping and sharing. We will also make links with our practice of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will also cover other aspects of the numeracy curriculum including time.

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 an excellent way to consolidate mathematical concepts.



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 superstar certificates at assembly for a range of achievements. This term, we will continue to enjoy the Massage in Schools Programme, children will benefit from increased confidence and increased emotional literacy.

P.E.

This will continue twice-weekly. Our focus is gymnastics and dance followed by basketball and netball after the February break. Please also note that shorts are preferable to leggings or tights.

Other curricular areas

This term, we will follow a sequence of drama lessons linked to our topic.

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 study the Scottish artist Charles Rennie Mackintosh but our main IDL focus will be Katie Morag and her adventures on Struay.

Homework

Thank you for your regular support of our homework programme. You will find a copy of our Scots' Verse, "Fireworks Aff the Castle" in your child's homework folder and on Learning Journals. Please practise this with your child, there will be opportunities in class to learn it too. Regular reading practise is so important in our learning journey. Please continue using the Sumdog site as numeracy practice.

We wish you well over the coming weeks,
Miss Campbell, Miss Lochrie and Miss Robertson