

What are we learning this term?

Welcome to Term 3 of P7! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and we send you our best wishes for 2025. This term we look forward to hosting our Burns Breakfast on the 30/01/25 and taking part in the Burns Poetry Competition. We have a variety of themed weeks and events to enjoy this term which include Internet Safety Week, Inclusion Week, Sports Hall Athletics and Rotary Quiz. The countdown to our residential trip, on the 5th March, is officially now on! It's going to be a very busy term!! Here's a taster of everything else we have planned ...

Language and Literacy

This month we have started our new novel '**Holes**'.

Through reading our novel we will be developing our inference skills and widening our vocabulary through metalinguistics tasks. This term's focus is learning how to write well-structured, evidence based answers.

We will be using the **PEE method** which is **point, evidence and explanation** to structure our answers. We will also find **quotes** to support our ideas.

This term we will also study the text features of **non-fiction** and develop our understanding of **fact and opinion** in this genre. We will be skimming and scanning texts relating to World War 2 and practising our skills in **note taking**.

In **writing** our focus will be on creating information reports. We will be learning to add detail, use a wider variety of punctuation and explore different openers. In preparation for the Burns Competition and our Burns Breakfast, the children will be asked to learn the Burns poem '**Tam O'Shanter**'.

Numeracy

This term our numeracy focus is **fractions, decimals and percentages**. We will make links between each form whilst comparing, ordering and performing more **complex calculations**. We will be learning to **reduce a percentage** to a fraction in its **simplest form**. We will be working with decimals to **three decimal places** (linked to measure).

We will continue to revise the 4 number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) in daily **starter activities**, mental maths games and the **Sumdog** challenge.

We will also undertake new learning within the topic of **time** which will include **interpreting timetables**, investigating **international time differences** and exploring the relationship between **speed, distance and time**.

Health

PE - This term's focus will be **aesthetics**; consisting of **gymnastics, dance and parachute games**.

Athletics - In January we will be attending the Stewarton Sports Centre in preparation for the SportsHall Athletics competition between our local schools.

Core Health - As part of **Online Safety Week** in February we will be learning how to be responsible digital citizens and explore examples of **cyber bullying**. In class we will be investigating the effects of **alcohol, nicotine/vaping and harmful drugs** on the the human body and discussing how to make healthy lifestyle choices.

UNCRC - We will continue to explore various articles of the UNCRC through our **Right of the Week** with themes of internet safety and mental health.

Contexts for Learning

We will be learning about **Scottish culture** alongside our work on Robert Burns. We will be studying **famous Scottish people** and the impact they have had on our society.

Mid term we will be starting a historical study of World War 2. We will be exploring the causes of the war and creating a timeline of events. We will be studying the impact of the war on civilian life and those fighting on the front line. We will be exploring the concept of **propaganda** and **Hillers war machine**.

In art, we will study the work of **Banksy**, learning about his life, inspirations and the mysterious nature of his character. We will be creating a variety of art work in the style of Banksy.

