



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 taking part 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 be learning techniques that will help us answer questions on a text. We will also have reading activities linked to our Katie Morag IDL. We will also explore non-fiction texts about aspects of geography such as mapping and island life.



Spelling

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

Writing

Our first writing focus will be a sequence of lessons on responsive writing before we start looking at explanation writing. Through our IDL topic, we will write book reviews, summaries and analysis together with practise in re-telling stories we have heard or read. We will also look at character descriptions and predictions. We will continue to focus on producing lengthier pieces and acting on our 'Green for Growth' feedback.

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 Super Star awards at assembly for a range of achievements. This term, we will be learning about how we can stay healthy and make good choices.

P.E.

This will continue twice-weekly. Our focus is gymnastics and dance followed by basketball and netball after the February break. Please note that school shoes cannot be worn in the PE hall and 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.

Numeracy

This term we will be learning about money, before moving on to fractions. Alongside these topics, we will be continuing to practise our number bonds. Throughout this term we will be discussing Number Talks strategies which will help us with our addition, subtraction and multiplication.



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 the times tables!

Contexts for Learning

As part of our Scotland topic we will be learning about the Scots language and practising our poem for the Scots Poetry Competition. Our main IDL focus will be Katie Morag and her adventures on Struay.

Homework

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

We wish you well over the coming weeks,
Miss Lochrie, Miss Walker and Miss Guthrie.