

A note from Primary 4...

Here are our plans for learning from August to December 2018.

Social Studies Using the subject of 'The Romans' as an exciting context for learning, the children will be guided through the process of Big Picture Planning to identify the areas of this topic that appeal most to them and that are best suited to the development of skills including the analysis of information and sequencing key events in time. We hope that this will be complemented by a trip to the Glasgow Museums Resource Centre and a Roman banquet! Our Charities topic will focus on themes of social responsibility and care for others and will link to learning about setting up a small business; the children will have practical experience of raising money for charity by making goods to sell at our Christmas Fayre. Throughout these contexts for learning, there will be rich opportunities for enjoyable cross-curricular work on other areas such as literacy, health and wellbeing, expressive arts, mathematics and digital technology.

Science Learning about germs (or, rather, micro-organisms) in all their huge variety is sure to be a stimulating experience! Following that, the children will research and discuss the functions of the human skeleton and major organs. We would also like to encourage our pupils to be on the alert throughout the term for interesting topical science issues they would like to share with their classmates.

Health and Wellbeing The children have started the important business of discussing values, rights and responsibilities to help them create class charters. Themes of friendship, personal safety and our sense of place in the world will be tackled in due course during the term. In PE, there will be a particular focus on maintaining fitness.

RME We will start with the beliefs and traditions of Hinduism and will examine artefacts and buildings associated with this. As we move into the festive season, the children will learn about how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Technologies With the regular use of Chromebooks, iPads and laptops in classrooms and PCs in the Innovation Space, our pupils will be introduced to Google Classroom and Sway (which they will use in a variety of curricular areas) and to coding, through the programme Kodu.

Expressive Arts The initial focus will be on exploring the visual elements of line and form; our Social Studies and RME topics, in particular, will provide many opportunities for varied activities in art and design, drama and dance.

Modern Foreign Languages Throughout this term, we will be extending spoken and written vocabulary to include new words, phrases and songs linked to the alphabet, numbers to 30 and more complex introductions.

Literacy and Numeracy Children's learning in these areas will draw upon some of the contexts listed above but will differ according to the needs of each class/group. Your help with regular reading and regular reinforcement of multiplication tables will be tremendously helpful to the children. Thank you!



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