



A note from Primary 5...

Here is an outline of our plans for learning from August to December.

Social Studies 'Scotland Through Tourists' Eyes' will be our first learning context. The children will take part in the Big Picture Planning process for this to ensure they have some say in guiding their learning. We hope to see Glasgow from a tour bus later in the term! The children will also be taking responsibility for the setting up and running of the Senior Citizens' tea party in December, with rich opportunities for developing leadership and collaborative skills.

Science Our pupils will be deepening their understanding of chemical changes and the properties and uses of substances. This will incorporate some fun experiments with mixing, separating and dissolving, resulting in interesting and possibly 'explosive' (but safe!) reactions. We will also investigate the water cycle.

RME Discovering the beliefs and traditions of Judaism will be our main focus, with an exploration of the origins of some key festivals, including Rosh Hashanah and Hanukkah.

Technologies Throughout this term the children will be reinforcing their knowledge of key ways to be internet-safe, looking at how they can best ensure privacy online. They will also continue to work on emailing and research. In all areas of the curriculum, our wonderful digital resources - iPads, Chromebooks, laptops and PCs to name just a few - will be used to support children's learning.

Expressive Arts This will be an exciting term for the children as they develop their skills in creating paintings of Scottish scenes. Scottish country dancing will also be a focus and the children will have opportunities to showcase their musical and other artistic talents at our tea party for Senior Citizens.

Health and Wellbeing We will be investigating Scottish food in the first instance and then linking this to foods from around the world, in the context of cooking and eating for good health. Friendships and other relationships will be an important part of our learning and discussion.

Modern Foreign Languages Throughout this term, we will be extending our vocabulary to include new words and phrases linked to the body, numbers to 50 and the family.

Literacy and Numeracy The children's learning in these areas will draw upon the contexts listed above but will differ according to the needs of each class/group. There will continue to be a strong focus in Literacy on Talking and Listening. In Mathematics, there will be an ongoing, deep focus on number facts, multiplication tables and making links to real life. We very much appreciate your invaluable support at home with children's learning in these vital areas.

