



A note from Primary 4...

Please find below our learning from August to December 2017:

Science... The children will begin with researching and discussing the functions of the human skeleton and the major organs. Later on in the term Primary 4 will have the chance to explore a range of topical science issues which they will then write reports about. This will be followed by carrying out experiments to develop their understanding of germs with the safe use of apparatus.

Social Studies... Using 'The Romans' as a context, the pupils will go through the process of 'Big Picture Planning' to choose their own range of learning experiences. This child-led process will be used to develop a variety of knowledge and skills including; analysing information, sequencing key events and exploring the impact of mathematics through history. This will be complemented by a trip to the Glasgow Museums Resource Centre and concluded with a Roman banquet!

Our Charities topic will focus on looking at local organisations and understanding their roles within the community. By learning how to set up their own small business, the children will have practical experience of raising money for charity by making goods to sell at our Christmas Fayre.

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

Technologies... In ICT the children will build their programming skills by learning to code with Kodu and will be introduced to some aspects of O365 within Glow. 'The Romans' context will provide opportunities for the pupils to design and construct models and to use simple food preparation techniques.

Expressive Arts... Our initial focus will be on exploring the visual elements of line and form, with the children's experience of a range of curricular areas used as a stimulus. Through dance performance and the drama techniques of mime, freeze frame and thought tracking, Primary 4 will have the chance to apply these skills to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of 'The Romans'.

Modern Foreign Languages... All children are building on their previous knowledge of French through interactive games, songs and rhymes.

Literacy and Numeracy ... Our 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 constant reinforcement of multiplication tables will be enormously beneficial to our children.

We are excited to announce... the pupils have been given the unique opportunity (in response to the bicentenary anniversary of the architect Alexander 'Greek' Thomson) to work with a local artist to create a visitor experience for Holmwood House.



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