

Primary 1-3 Class:

It's another blog from P1-3! I don't know where the time goes! I think we are all looking forward to a bit of a rest over the October holidays and the children have been busily discussing their plans in class!

We will begin our blog this week with our Maths tasks – it's been a great week! Logan and Autumn are working on place value! Here's Darcey with her place value boards....



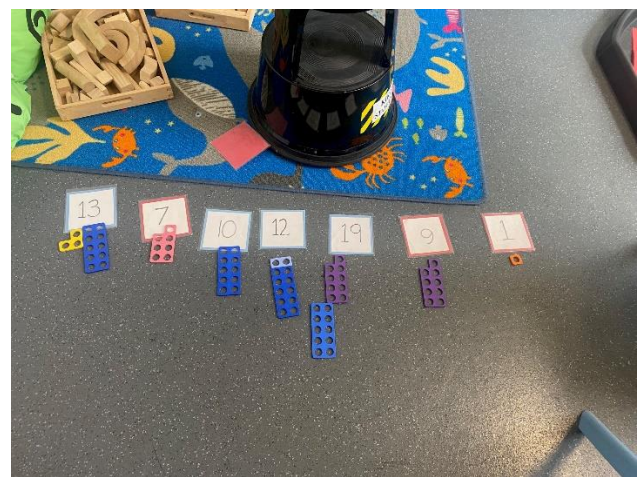
Brooke and Elsie have also been working on place value, while Zoe, Rowan, Cooper and George are tackling rounding numbers with still some discussion and altering to go.....



Have you seen these threading patterns from Robert and Phoenix?

What a lot of threading boys – I think you have made some smashing patterns with all your coloured counters!

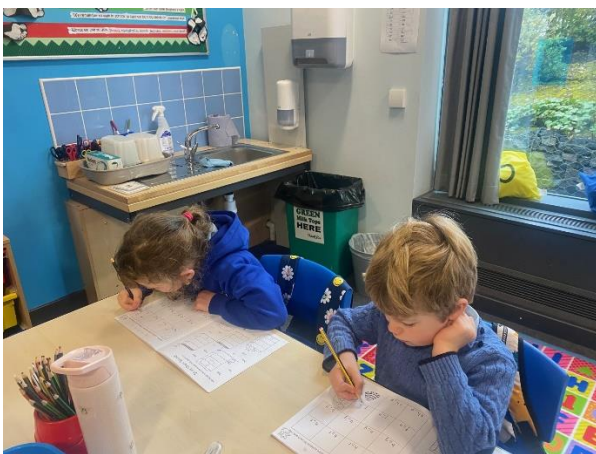
Here's Robert with pegs and coathangers which he has ordered beautifully.... Phoenix is busy ordering elephants!



Autumn is busy with place value – and a group of my children have been busy making values with the numicon!

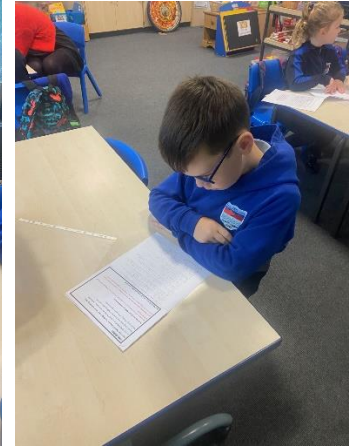
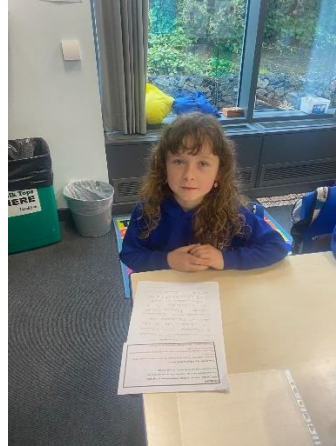
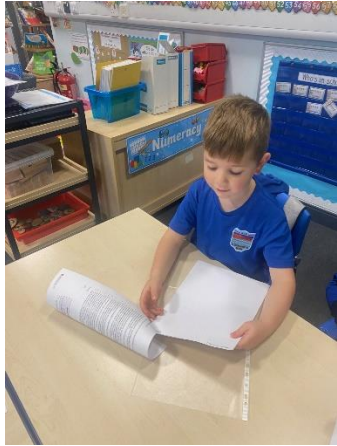
Literacy:

Zoe and Rowan and George and Cooper are busy grappling with their grammar tasks this week!



We thought that the skeletons in Funnybones were a bit irresponsible to try and frighten everybody so we decided to send them a letter outlining more positive things they could do instead – especially if they couldn't get to sleep! We got busy on this task. Some of us opted for concentration boards. These are fabulous for helping us have some private time to think and also for independent learning! Rowan is demonstrating how this works for him. Can you see how he has all his resources around him that he might need for his learning task....

Darcey, Elsie and Brooke are also working on their letters to the skeletons. Mrs. Mackinnon is going to be very busy looking through them!



Later in the week we were able to look at our marked work and discuss some of the feedback Mrs. Mackinnon had given us!

Hearts:



This week we are finishing off our work by thinking about the job our heart does. It really is a very important part of our body. Here's George completing his written work and border...

Hopefully more to share next week!

Blood Pressure:

Weren't we delighted when Heather brought in her blood pressure checker! We need the correct pressure in our bodies to ensure our hearts work at just the right pace. Not too high and not too low! Cooper is having his blood pressure checked!



Heather keeps a daily record of her own blood pressure, which she showed us all!

Cooper is keeping his eye on the reading to ensure his blood pressure is healthy!



A visit from Ronnie Macleod:

We were delighted to receive a visit from Ronnie Macleod who has travelled to Harris from Leith. He wanted to visit his Grandfather's house "The Nest" which he managed to do in spite of the weather.... Ronnie sent us this snap from Eilean Donan Castle in order to chart progress! He also sent us this rather interesting picture of his father Neil at The Nest circa 1984. Apart from the lack of trees, I don't think Tarbert has changed very much!



The children were very excited to see the actual medal that Ronnie's Grandfather received from the Daily Record for bravery!

It was a lot smaller than I imagined, but John Macleod's name, age and the date appear on the back.

It was such a lovely gesture and something I am very glad to have seen up close!

We shared our finds that we dug up during excavation.

Further information from Ronnie fills in new details about the family.

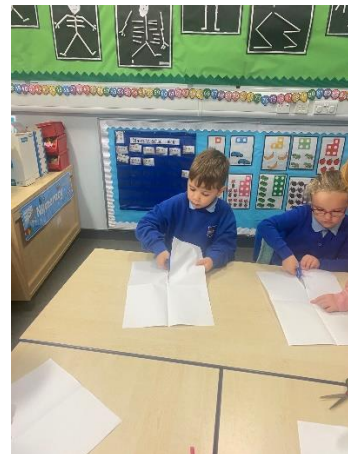
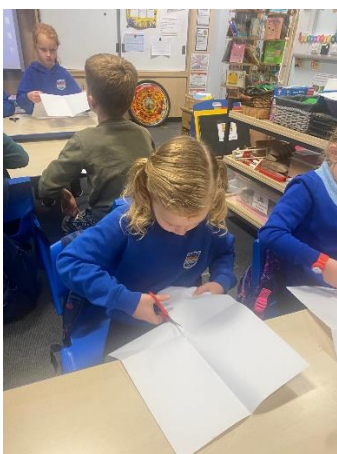
John and Margaret had three sons... Donald Angus, Arthur John and Neil. Donald Angus had five children – Margaret (Pennington) living on Shetland, Janice, Kenneth, Norman and Peter.

Arthur John had three children – Anne, Robert and John. Neil had four children – Ronnie, Catherine, Joan and Fiona.

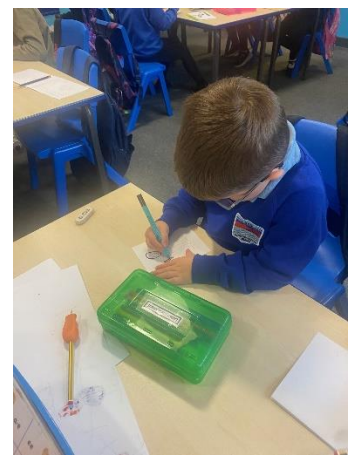
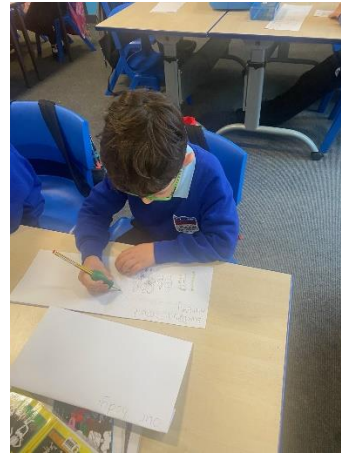
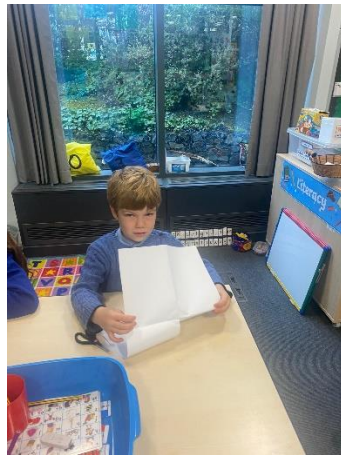
I am sorry to report that Arthur John developed an addiction to alcohol and was rather abusive to his wife and children, so his children do not have good memories of their father. Ronnie remembers his uncle coming to stay on occasions. I feel this family had a lot to endure over the years. However, Ronnie is tremendously upbeat and he has a great family around him. All living in Leith. It was our pleasure to meet them all and we would love to see them again in the future!

Origami Books!

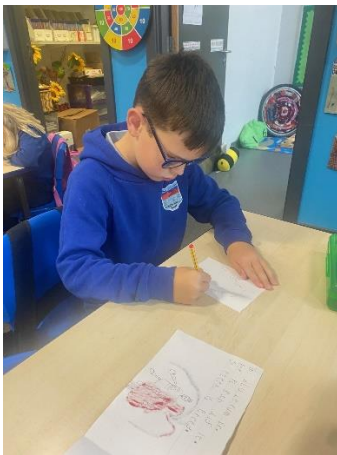
I didn't think I would be including these children in my blog again – but here we are so soon! P4 children joined our class this week and it was as if they had never been away! We made our own origami books to illustrate what we had been learning about this term. Origami is a craft that the older children are all familiar with and involves folding paper in a certain way to make a book!



I managed to snap Lydia, Angus, Finlay George and Alfie. Also grappling with this task are Elsie, George, Darcey, Brooke, Autumn, Zoe and Rowan! Robert and Logan are busy writing and drawing!

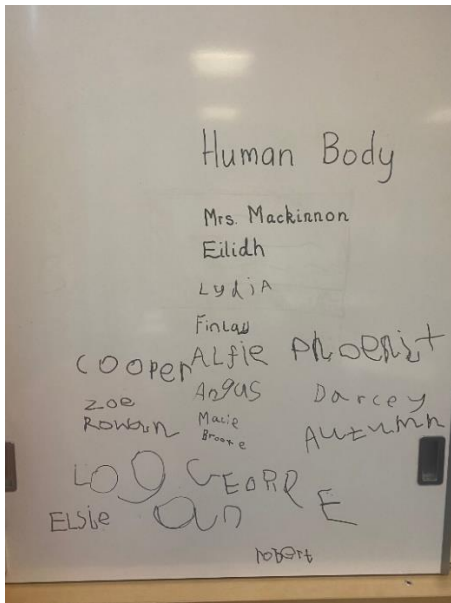


..As it was a horrible wet day we kept leaping to our feet to move our bodies around!



The children are busy writing and illustrating their origami books.....
They will not be finished this week!





As part of our book making and thoughts about the human body, we discussed whether we write with our left or right hand.

It seems simple, doesn't it? Until we all had to write our name on the board with our other hand – the one we don't usually write with.

Some found it trickier than others. Some of us were concentrating so hard at the art of writing that we forgot which letters we were writing next!

How many of our blog readers can write using their opposite hand I wonder?

P.E.

A further session on ball skills again this week. We were in the gym working with a partner. Over the head and underneath, but keeping the feet still while you pass the ball.....

Then we have some tummy rolls.... Some throwing skill work and finally - trying to hit a target using our throwing skills! Excellent work!





There were some great examples of reaching, overhead passes, chest passes and challenging ourselves by moving further away from a target!



More Gaelic Reads!

Our last week of actual sharing stories as we hope to work together next term on the story of The Three Little Pigs with Mrs. MacQueen's class! Gaelic Learners will be involved in creating little performances in pairs.... No pressure everyone!





The children love listening to stories – whether English or Gaelic, but then who doesn't love listening to a story?

I still do!

Firework Posters:

This week we began creating our own posters to support the SSPCA. We all love Bonfire Night – but there are many animals who don't. We wanted to spread the word about the importance of keeping our animals safe during this period. They are not finished yet, but we hope they will be ready next week! We often do well at these little competitions..... here's hoping!



We realised Elsie will be away next week – so here she is working independently getting her entry finished so it can be submitted.

Well done, Elsie! It looks great!

Next week will involve drawing together lots of unfinished bits and pieces. It already feels like it's going to be a busy week and we've not started it yet!

Hot off the press – a final share!



Brooke and Darcey – I bet you thought I'd forgotten!

Both girls wanted me to share their current read. Mum is reading "Puppy Tales" to them and it's their book of the moment!

How lovely to end the week with a book!

Have a great weekend everyone!