



**Literacy**

**Reading**

In reading we will concentrate on our ability to read independently and for a sustained period. We will be using skimming and scanning techniques to look for key words in a text to find information. We will be using context pages and glossaries to help us with specialised vocabulary connected to our IDL project. We will also be concentrating on fluency and recognising punctuation when reading

**Writing**

In writing we will develop our use of paragraphs to organise our work. We will also be concentrating on using capital letters for all proper nouns and use similes, metaphors and alliteration to make our writing even better. We will be focusing on up-levelling our sentences to make them more descriptive and interesting. We will do this by adding interesting adjectives and adverbs and varying sentence starters.

**Spelling**

We will look at spelling words with diagraphs which make the same sound. Our main focus is to explore, learn and apply spelling rules. Some of us will look at root words and meanings. We also will be continuing to think about syllables (the beats in a word) to help us with our spelling.

**Listening and Talking**

Through our project work we will be exploring the use of appropriate vocabulary relating to a specific subject. We will also be developing listening skills in both group and class discussions.

**Handwriting**

Targets

- To form and join letters correctly
- To develop and improve handwriting style
- To ensure that letters are the correct size e.g. tall letter touch the top of the line etc.

**Our interdisciplinary topics are:**

Our project this term is Vikings and we will be investigating different aspects of their lives. We will be looking at where they came from and where they sailed to. We will investigate how they lived. We will concentrate on the Viking Gods, their homes, clothes and jewellery and the different areas of Britain where they raided and settled.

We will also investigate the impact that the Vikings

**Numeracy and Maths**

With Mrs Johnston, we will be looking at 3D shapes, their names and properties. We will also be looking at nets of 3D shapes and 2D shapes which make up the nets. We will be investigating tessellation using 2D shapes.

In number we will be working with numbers from 100s up to 1000000s. We will be using our place value knowledge to compare, order, sequence, add, subtract, multiply and divide. We will also be rounding to the nearest 10s, 100s and 1000s.

We will continue to work on all times tables to improve speed and accuracy of recall.

**Mathematical Experiences**

The children have the opportunity to use the interactive white board, maths games on the computer and practical activities in class. We will be working very hard to improve our mental maths. It is important that we learn to use different strategies and find answers quickly.

**ICT and Technologies**

We will use software to create short animated cartoons. Using a search engine we will retrieve information about Vikings to help us create leaflets. We will also be discussing the importance of internet safety.

**Health & Well-being**

We will continue to develop our feelings and emotions weekly, using Kitbag techniques and activities to create discussions within the class. We will be talking about what makes a good classroom citizen and discussing how we can respect other's personal space and boundaries. We will also be revisiting the importance of maintaining a growth mindset to help us achieve goals.

**P.E.** We will be concentrating on developing ball skills and communication skills to help us play team games.

**Spanish/French**

We will be developing our prior learning and practising our conversational French and Spanish skills.

**Expressive Arts**

We will be looking at the work of Pablo Picasso and focusing on his use of shape, colour and abstract ideas to create our own pieces of artwork in his style. We will also be investigating the colours and textures of Viking

had and how they influenced names and places around Britain.

clothes and jewellery.

In Music, the children from Room 9 will be working with the other Primary 5 children on The Youth Music Initiative. This is a programme where the children will get the opportunity to learn various songs, eventually giving a performance of them at The Lochgelly Centre in march.

**Other news:**

Rooms 9 will be doing PE on a Tuesday and Thursday, so please can you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing with them. Our outdoor learning is on Friday morning. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing for all types of weather conditions e.g. waterproofs and wellies. Homework will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on Mondays. Could reading books please be brought in daily as we will try to hear group reading as often as opportunities arise.

It's been great being back in school and we are looking forward to a successful first term of P4/5.