



## Lawhead Primary School – Homework Challenges



**Term 3: January – April 2026**

Class: P3/4

Teacher: Miss Johnston/Mrs Simpson

Ethos and Life of the School as a Community	<b>Annual Scots Poetry Competition - January</b>  Class teachers will support pupils to select a Scottish poem of suitable length and difficulty. Pupils will receive a copy of their selected poem to take home and practice during the first week of term. Pupils will also be supported to practice and understand their poem in class. If any pupil is nervous about performing to an audience they can record themselves and share a video/audio file or can perform to their class teacher only or to a smaller group.	The St Andrews Burns Society will be visiting school on <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> to judge finalists. Before this date class teachers will listen to pupils reciting poems and identify finalists for any pupil wishing to go forward to judging by the Burns Society.
	<b>Our Wider School Community:</b>  How can we help and be a bigger part of our wider school community? You could do a family litter pick in the Lade Braes or at the beach? You could support a local charity? As a school we want to strengthen the links with our wider community around St Andrews. If you have taken part in a community activity please take a photo or share this news with Mrs. Bain. If you have ideas on how to make new connections with our community you can write Mrs. Bain a letter or send her a voice note or video explaining your ideas.	All photos, letters, voice notes or video recordings should be emailed to Mrs. Bain using <a href="mailto:lawheadps.headteacher@fife.gov.uk">lawheadps.headteacher@fife.gov.uk</a> All ideas will be considered by the pupil council and could form part of our Rights Respecting School action plan.
Curriculum Areas and Subjects	<b>Literacy – Phonics/Spelling:</b>  Our school website contains information on the phonics/spelling progression we follow at Lawhead. During term 3 we will be focusing on the following sounds/spelling patterns in class:  Tailored spelling activities are on Sumdog. These are changed weekly. They are labelled as ‘Homework’ <a href="#">Spooky Spellings</a>   <a href="#">Practise spelling Common Exception Words</a> <a href="#">Look, Cover, Write, Check- mobile friendly</a> <a href="#">Violet's Vowel Suffix</a>	Follow this link to the phonics/spelling section of the school website - <a href="#">Spelling</a>  Should you require a written spelling task please speak with Mrs Simpson.
	<b>Mental Maths:</b>  Our school website contains information on the mental maths progression we follow at Lawhead.  Access the planner for P3 or P4 and practice the skills for term 3. Pupils who feel less confident may want to master the skills for earlier levels and those who want to challenge themselves can access the planners for the stage above.	Follow this link to the mental maths section of the school website - <a href="#">Mental Maths</a> A paper copy of the mental maths planner can be printed and provided on request by asking the class teacher.

Interdisciplinary Learning	<b>Social Subjects/Literacy:</b> Research an invention of your choice and present your findings to the class. You can make a poster, a PowerPoint or film yourself for a Newsround Special. Remember to include who invented it, when and why it was important. Helpful website - <a href="#">Inventor Facts for Kids</a>	Share this with your class through Teams/email or bring it in to show and talk about.
	<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b> Prepare to share a skill with the class. For example, a sport, expressive art, or something you're proud of.	Be prepared to share your skills in class.
Opportunities For Personal Achievement	<b>Celebrating Success – Weekly Assemblies:</b>  Every week at assembly we have a section called 'Celebrating Success'. Success and achievements in and out of school are recognised and celebrated. We take photos of learners and add them to our achievement wall. If you have had a success or achievement outside of school please let Mrs. Simpson (P1-3) or Mrs. Bain (P3/4-7) know so that it can be included in the assembly. Success comes in lots of shapes and sizes – learning to swim or ride your bike, a medal or trophy, learning an instrument, a badge at cubs or brownies.	Medals, trophies or certificates can be brought in on assembly day to share (Thursdays) or parents/carers can also email information or a photo to Mrs. Bain or Mrs. Simpson using <a href="mailto:lawheadps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk">lawheadps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk</a>
	<b>Sumdog Maths Contests Terms 3:</b>  Login to your Sumdog account to take part in the following upcoming Sumdog contests. You can earn certificates and prizes as an individual or for your class and school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fife Maths Contest – 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>➤ Fife Maths Contest – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul>	Follow this link to login: <a href="https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in">https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in</a>  Class teachers can provide login information if required.
Additional Suggestions to Support Learning at Home:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice the BSL signs and French phrases shared on the weekly newsletter</li> <li>• Complete weekly reading set by the class teacher and comprehension jobs, parent to sign once completed</li> <li>• Read your library books from the school library</li> <li>• Login to your Sumdog account and play games to practise your mental maths, spelling and grammar</li> <li>• Visit the learning at home section of our school website for additional ideas - <a href="#">Learning At Home   Lawhead Primary School and Nursery (glowscotland.org.uk)</a></li> <li>• Practise your Scottish poem at home – <a href="https://www.scotshooselyaldi.com/primary/poems/">https://www.scotshooselyaldi.com/primary/poems/</a></li> <li>• Encourage children to read the time on clocks in their environment – digital and analogue <a href="#">Teaching Clock</a></li> <li>• Show a Random Act of Kindness to someone in your family.</li> </ul>	