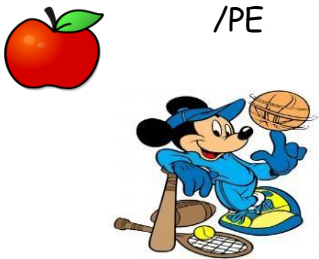


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Literacy and English 	This term, we will continue to develop our spelling, word recognition and decoding skills through <i>Phonics International</i>, building greater confidence and accuracy when reading and spelling more complex words. In reading, we will be studying the class novel <i>Divided City</i> by <i>Theresa Breslin</i>, exploring key themes while developing a range of reading strategies to support comprehension, inference and evaluation. In writing, we will be using <i>Write on Track</i> to develop fiction writing, with a particular focus on portal stories. We will work on using effective dialogue and applying grammar and punctuation accurately, including dashes, colons and semi-colons. We will also develop discussion and persuasive writing skills, focusing on the use of persuasive language and varying sentence structure and length to engage the reader.
Numeracy and Maths 	This term in Numeracy, we will develop our understanding of number and calculation, including number sequences, place value, estimation and rounding, and the four operations. We will develop fluency with multiplication and division facts, explore fractions and percentages, and apply strategies to solve and check calculations. In Maths, we will explore data handling, interpreting and discussing data to answer questions and solve problems. We will also develop our understanding of shape, including measuring, drawing and finding missing angles, as well as direction and position using compass points, bearings and directional vocabulary.
Health and Wellbeing /PE 	In Health and Wellbeing this term, we will continue the PATHS programme, applying our learning to real-life situations. We will explore the rights of a child, reflect on the SHANARRI indicators, and learn about Neurodiversity, celebrating different ways of thinking and learning. We will also explore ways to keep ourselves and others safe, make healthy choices, manage challenges and create inclusive environments where everyone feels supported. In P.E., we will develop our ball skills through a variety of games. Pupils should wear their P.E. kit on their designated days: • P7a - Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (swimming) • P7b - Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)
Religious Education 	In R.E. this term, we will explore the themes of Creation, the Covenants and the responsibilities of Stewardship. We will reflect on how we can use our gifts and resources wisely, recognising the importance of generosity, gratitude and putting our faith into action. We will also learn about the Luminous Mysteries and the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, sharing our faith thoughtfully through class discussions. We will continue working through the Pope Francis Faith Award booklet, developing our understanding of faith and reflecting on how we can live out its values in our everyday lives.

Sciences



In Science, we will explore the importance of plants and biodiversity, looking at the many ways, plants support humans, animals and the wider environment. We will investigate food chains and ecosystems, research how plants can be used for medicinal purposes and consider ways we can help protect plant biodiversity in our local community. We will also learn about soil nutrients and the nitrogen cycle through practical experiments, research and model-making, while developing our understanding of how fertilisers can affect plant growth and the environment. Throughout our learning, we will consider our role as stewards of the Earth and how we can make responsible choices to care for and protect the natural world.

Technologies



In Technologies, we will develop our digital skills by learning how to organise, locate and use different types of files appropriately, as well as recognising the importance of privacy, strong passwords and respectful online behaviour. We will also use a range of digital tools to meet design challenges, including creating storyboards for animations or games and comparing how technology and everyday life have changed over time.

Expressive Arts

Music/ Drama/ Art/ Dance



Music: We will explore how music and sound can convey feelings and mood through our Film Literacy work. We will also enjoy singing during assemblies and celebratory events.

Art: We will begin the term with self-portraits, using images and symbols to express our interests and personalities. Through our IDL Scotland topic, we will learn about Scottish artists and create artwork inspired by their work, applying the seven artistic principles. We will also create seasonal artwork.

Drama: We will develop our confidence, communication and teamwork through role-play and activities such as character hot-seat. We will explore different characters and situations while developing our ability to express ideas, listen and respond to others.

Modern Languages



In French and Spanish, we will build our confidence in using numbers, colours and greetings, revisiting key vocabulary through quizzes and games. We will practise simple conversations and classroom phrases, developing our listening and speaking skills in both languages. We will also begin to use our language skills in simple everyday contexts, helping us to communicate with greater confidence and independence.

Interdisciplinary Learning



This term, we will explore Scotland's past and present, comparing what life was like in the past with life in Scotland today. We will learn about the Highland Clearances and create timelines to develop our understanding of key events and changes over time. We will also learn about James Watt and his contribution to the Industrial Revolution, considering how these developments changed life in Scotland and beyond. Building on our understanding of Scotland's history, we will explore the Scottish Parliament, learning how it came about, what it looks like today and the different roles within it. We will develop our understanding of democracy through our 'Have Your Say' learning, considering how people can have a voice and influence decisions. Finally, we will reflect on how Scotland's people, ideas and inventions have helped to shape the world we live in today.