Health and Wellbeing

This term, through healthy lifestyles, we will learn to develop strategies to manage emotions, understand importance of good personal hygiene and know about the process of growth & change in our bodies.

In PE this term we'll be revisiting Gymnastics first then Creative Dance and finally developing our Hockey skills.

Social Studies

We will be learning about The Scottish Wars of Independence. We will look at significant events during these Wars and we'll build up our understanding of how the outcome of these events affected Scottish society. We'll also learn more about the lives of the key people during the Scottish wars.

Expressive Arts

Music - The class will learn to play the glockenspiels as well as building up our skills of evaluating and responding to a range of music and discussing how the music makes us feel.

Art – This term we will focus on the skill of painting by identifying warm and cold colours, showing understanding of how colour can be used to create different moods within a painting and creating a repeated pattern in a painting.

Languages

During this term the main focus will be on the French language. We will review what we've learned to date and build on topics such as animals, family members and classroom instructions.

Literacy

This term we are continuing to learn and build up skills of spelling patterns and families. Our main focus in our guided writing skills will be on instructional and imaginative – continuing a story in the same style as the writer. We will continue to develop our reading abilities and understanding in guided reading sessions as well as through investigating The Midnight Fair, our wordless book. We will also learn and recite The Ballad of Janitor Mackay, this year's Scottish poem.

Primary 5/4

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Main Topics: The Scottish Wars of Independence

Science

P4's - We will learn about The Earth and its connection with the Moon and Sun this term. We will also investigate the role of our skin as a barrier to infection and explore symptoms and prevention of common diseases as we explore microorganisms. **P5's** - We will be learning about the solar system - the relationships between the planets. We will then move on to studying germs and diseases and will hopefully get to make use of the microscopes and feel like real scientists!

How can you help at home

- Read with me every day and ask me questions about it.
- Order my school lunch at home.
- Label jumpers and jackets to avoid any confusion.
- Water only as a drink for the classroom.
- P.E. kit (shorts/joggies and no jewellery at all). Each child has a PE bag in class so kit can be left in school if you would prefer.

Numeracy

Term 2 will look at the topics – Information Handling – 1st Level -exploring and gathering examples of the different ways that information is collected and presented and how it's used. 2nd Level – collecting, sorting, presenting and displaying information in pictograms, bar and bar line graphs and understand the impact of scale on these. Time – 1st Level - telling the time on digital and analogue clocks - O'clock, half past, quarter past/to 2nd Level – telling the time on 24 hour digital clocks, relating this to 12 hour times and exploring the different time calculations people carry out to help them plan their lives.

Religious and Moral Education

Through our topic we will discuss our views and opinions of fairness, equality and human rights when looking at the events of the Scottish Wars. We'll explore how people's values and beliefs can affect their actions and discuss potential consequences of those actions. Later in the term we will be looking at The Easter Story and we'll learn all about Holy Week (the most sacred week in the Christian church), the week falling between Palm Sunday and Easter.

Technology

We will be learning about Cyber resilience and internet safety. We will explore online communities and demonstrate an understanding of responsible digital behaviour and learn how to keep ourselves safe and secure. We will also learn that information captured from websites is subject to copyright and permissions must be sought for their use.

Important Dates

- PE every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Library books changed on a Wednesday.
- Homework reading books home will start w/b 22.1.24. – please encourage your child to complete the task that will accompany the book.