

<p><u>Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p>In PE, we will focus on following instructions to keep ourselves and others safe, while playing community-building games. As the term progresses, pupils will develop new skills in gymnastics and ball games. Together, we will establish class routines and our class charter, linking this to the UNCRC Rights of the Child. Pupils will also be introduced to our new Health and Wellbeing programme, <i>Emotion Works</i>.</p>	<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>Pupils will learn new phonics sounds and spelling rules to support reading and writing. Children will be encouraged to use correct letter formation and pencil grip for neat handwriting. In writing lessons, we will focus on characterisation and using rich and descriptive vocabulary to bring writing to life. Pupils will also be encouraged to write sentences independently, building confidence and creativity in their work.</p>	<p><u>Numeracy</u></p> <p>This term, Primary 3/4 will be exploring numbers to 100 and beyond. We will focus on place value, recognising the value of each digit in thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. For example, in 1,234, there are 1 thousand, 2 hundreds, 3 tens and 4 ones. We will also develop our understanding of the four operations, using accurate mathematical vocabulary such as <i>add, subtract, total, sum of, multiply, product, divide</i> and <i>shared equally</i>.</p>
<p><u>Social Studies</u></p> <p>Our first class topic will have a strong literacy focus. Through Roald Dahl's <i>The Twits</i>, pupils will explore what makes a story powerful and how stories can influence the way we think. Following this, we will begin an interdisciplinary topic linked to Curriculum for Excellence, investigating how weather affects our daily lives and the world around us.</p>	<p><u>Primary 3/4</u></p> <p>Term 1 Newsletter</p> <p>Class Teacher: Mrs Clark</p> <p>Main Topics: Novel Study (The Twits) and looking at - How Weather Affects our Lives.</p>	<p><u>Religious and Moral Education</u></p> <p>We will begin by studying the story of <i>The Good Samaritan</i>, which will help pupils reflect on the importance of love, care, and kindness. They will explore how we can help those in need, show respect for everyone, and recognise that support can sometimes come from unexpected places. Later in the term, we will learn about different places and ways of worship.</p>
<p><u>Expressive Arts</u></p> <p>Music: In Term 1, we will continue to build our skills of listening to music to identify some of the main instruments and voices in a piece of music. We will be talking about how music makes us feel. We will be working on playing simple rhythms on un-tuned percussion instruments.</p>	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>In Science, pupils will explore forces—pushes and pulls—and how they affect motion and shape. They will learn key vocabulary such as <i>force, push, pull, friction, gravity</i>, and <i>speed</i>, make predictions, carry out tests, measure results, and record their findings in tables.</p>	<p><u>Technology</u></p> <p>Pupils will safely use a range of technology to enhance their learning, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy. They will learn essential skills such as navigating a laptop and opening and closing programmes. We will also use <i>Newsround</i> to explore and discuss technological advances from around the world, helping pupils develop curiosity and awareness of how technology impacts everyday life.</p>
<p><u>Languages</u></p> <p>In Term 1, we will continue to embed languages in our daily routines. We will revise our days of the week and colours in French. We will be expanding our knowledge of numbers to 30, our general greetings and family members.</p>	<p><u>How can you help at home</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking to your child about their learning to encourage them to share their new learning with you. • Read with your child every day please, for at least 10 mins. • Encourage your child to progress their learning at home through educational games (ictgames.com, topmarks.co.uk mathsbot.com and sumdog) • If possible, could we pre order our school lunch at home, this saves time in school. 	<p><u>Important Dates</u></p> <p>PE every Wednesday and Thursday (There are gym bags in the class to encourage children to leave their PE Kit (shorts and gym shoes), please also remove all jewellery – especially earrings. Library Day is on a Thursday so please return books to school by a Wednesday. Outdoor Learning will be on a Tuesday so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for Scottish weather!</p>