Curriculum for Excellence

What are we learning this term? Term 1 August-October 2024

Context for Learning: The Vikings Mrs Pike and Primary 4

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| **Language and Literacy**  **Spelling-** All spelling patterns will be taught through active and written spelling strategies.  **Grammar**- We will be focusing on uplevelling our writing to include more interesting adjectives and adverbs.  **Writing-** We will cover different genres of writing including functional and personal. We will be encouraging the children to use VCOP in their writing (vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation).  C:\Users\lgibson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\QGZH8EEO\Spain-flag-map-plus-ultra[1].png**Spanish-**We will be learning greetings, feelings, weather and introducing vocabulary for pets and animals. | **Numeracy and Maths**  We will be focusing on developing mental maths strategies as well as times tables knowledge  **Numeracy Topics**  Number and number processes (addition, subtraction and multiplication).  Place value (ordering and sequencing numbers, and identifying the value of each digit)  Estimation and rounding  **Maths Topic–**Chance and Uncertainty – we will be learning vocabulary to describe the likelihood of an event occurring in everyday situations. | **Health and Wellbeing (HWB)**  We are learning about being a Rights Respecting School creating our own class charter. We will be learning more about SHANARRI and discussing what we can do to help us reach our potential, focussing on our school vision and values.  We will also be focusing on social values including being kind, friendly, including others, co-operating and being able to treat other people with respect.  Each day we will be completing FIT 15. For PE we will be focusing on hockey and gymnastics. | **Contexts for Learning**  This term we will be learning about The Vikings. We will be exploring where they came from, places that they settled in Scotland and how their lives were very different from ours. We will examine how they travelled, what they wore and play games that they would have played. Scandinavia before the Vikings - Daily Scandinavian |
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| **Expressive Arts**  **Art & Design –**We will be completing a variety of art activities linked to our topic and class novel.  **Music–** We will be listening to different types of music and responding by discussing our thoughts and feelings.  **Drama–** We will be using a variety of drama techniques to develop our use of expression and movement including hot seating and freeze frames. | **Science and Technology**  Our focus for Science this term is sound. We will be learning how sound is produced, how it affects our everyday life, and how to change the pitch of a sound.  In Technology we will be learning about internet safety. We will also learn how to create and save word documents, as well as how to use a search engine to find information for a specific purpose. | **Homework**  Last session, we surveyed pupils, staff and families on attitudes about homework. Highlights from the survey showed that the majority of families believe homework is important to support learning but that it can be difficult to fit into family life due to a number of factors.  This session, we will revise how homework is issued. We aim to allow more flexibility when approaching homework to fit into busy family lives. Information will follow once homework is set up across the school. | **How can you help?**   * Encourage your child to read at any opportunity through books, comics, menus, magazines etc. * Reinforce times tables. * Names on school clothing. * Our gym days are a Monday and Thursday. * Library Day – Thursday |

At Dykesmains Primary School we are working to Get It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC). This means we are working to support our children to grow develop and reach their full potential. The children are currently looking at the SHANARRI indicators which are Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. For more information: <http://www.girfecna.co.uk/>