

TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2024

EARLY YEARS



We were delighted to welcome our parents/carers for a Christmas Celebration Stay and Play event. The children and their families engaged in a range of festive fun experiences including making tree decorations, Christmas cards, reindeer food and their own Stick Man character. They also had the opportunity to enjoy a tasty treat together. A big thank you for a fantastic event!

WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO



Children from primary 1-7 and Supported Learning enjoyed a pantomime experience in December. We all loved watching the story of 'Robin Hood', sharing lots of laughs and songs with our peers.

PRIMARY 1- DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Primary 1 have enjoyed learning about and celebrating Diwali. We have explored the story of Rama and Sita and discovered that the story is all about why good always wins over evil. We sequenced the story and identified our favourite parts. We looked at different ways that Hindu's celebrate Diwali and we recreated some of these traditions in class. As Diwali is the festival of lights, we created our own diya lamps out of clay to take home and share with our families.



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PRIMARY 2

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Primary 2 have been doing lots of outdoor exploring this term. We have learned how to find worms in the ground. We have been stamping on the ground to bring worms to the surface. We made homes for our worms. We had to think about what kinds of things they would like in their houses.



We used a worm measuring tool to measure the length of our worms. We compared to see who had the longest worm.



PRIMARY 3C

This term we have been focusing on teamwork and have had lots of opportunities to develop our teamwork skills in both the classroom and playground.

We participated in several team-building challenges where we learned to share, take turns and communicate with each other. We then applied these skills to develop an activity for the rest of the class to enjoy. These included, pin the tail on the cat, guess the number of coins in the jar, guess the bears birthday, a lucky dip and a drawing competition. We had great fun trying out each other's activities and leading our own!



PRIMARY 3D

This term we have been focusing on working cooperatively. We had lots of fun taking part in several team building challenges where we developed the skills of sharing, communicating and turn taking to achieve a goal. We then applied these skills by working together to create an activity for the rest of the class to enjoy. We created activities such as lucky dip, guess the number of coins in the jar, pin the tail on the lion and a drawing competition. We had great fun leading our activities and enjoyed having the opportunity to try out each other's activities to!



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PRIMARY 4/3

We built the necessary skills to lead an Enterprise topic for our peers to take part in. In our teams, we designed, advertised and led a stall activity (Guess the Bears Birthday, How Many Marbles in the Jar, Lucky Dip & Pin the Tail). We decided on our roles and worked together to successfully lead our stall.



ENHANCED DEAF PROVISION

Term 2 has been very busy in the Enhanced Deaf Provision.

The NDCS & NATSIP Quality Standards for Resource Provisions for Deaf children and young people in mainstream schools state that Deaf children and young people should have access to a range of Deaf role models and have opportunities to learn about Deaf culture and community.

In conjunction with Active Schools we were fortunate to have Danii Joyce, Deaflympics swimmer and fitness coach to come in and share her experiences with our Deaf pupils and parents. Danii visited the children for four weeks and provided us the opportunity to learn about her journey. She also led sports sessions with the children, parents and staff which were very well received. This provided an opportunity for parents, children and staff to ask questions.



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PRIMARY 5/4



As part of our class topic of Castles and Knights, we researched and designed our own castles. We learned about the different features of a castle before designing our own. We then worked in groups to construct our castles.



PRIMARY 4

P4 visited Dreghorn and Springside Parish Church for their R.E topic. We learned all about the Christmas story and listened to noises that would have been in the stable. We got to look at different parts of the church such as the steeple, the pulpit and the Nativity scene. During the walk, we saw squirrels in the trees and chickens. We had a great time.



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PRIMARY 6/5

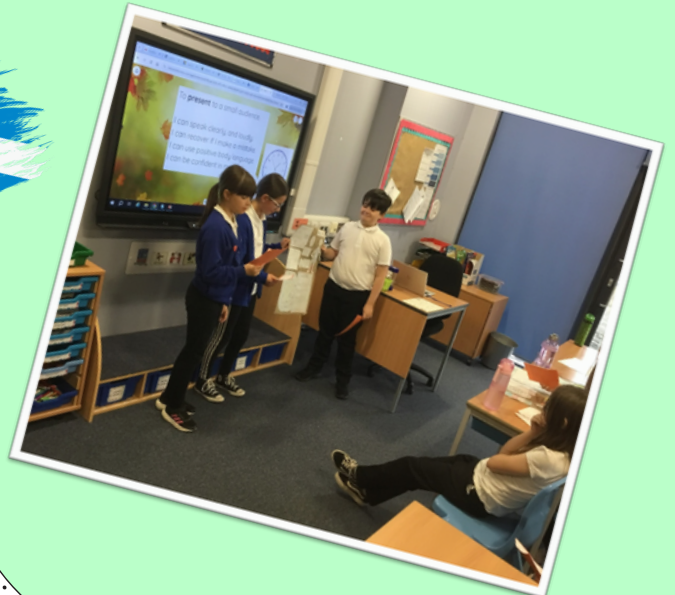
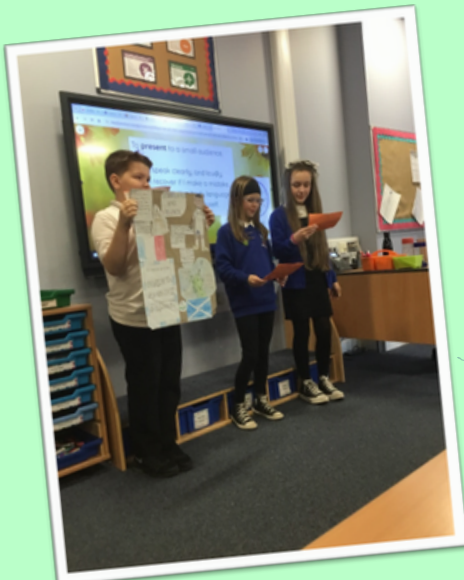
For our class topic of Endangered Animals, P6/5 created informative posters. They carried out research, accessed glow to create a word document, used an Atlas to locate the country their animal originates from and drew pictures of their chosen animal. They then presented their posters to the class.



PRIMARY 7/6

Scotland and France

Primary 7/6 conducted a 'Comparative Study' on the countries of Scotland and France which culminated in a Showcase of Learning. We displayed the skills and knowledge covered in our IDL topic in group presentations. The children showed a great understanding of Oracy skills and how to present successfully to a small, yet familiar audience.

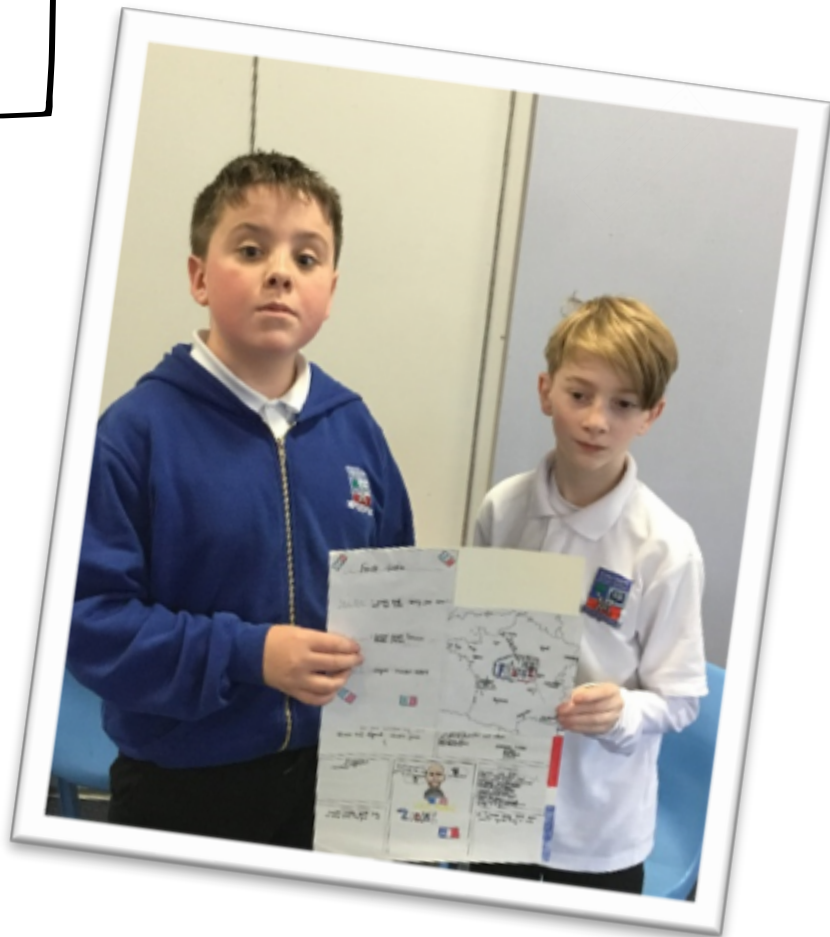
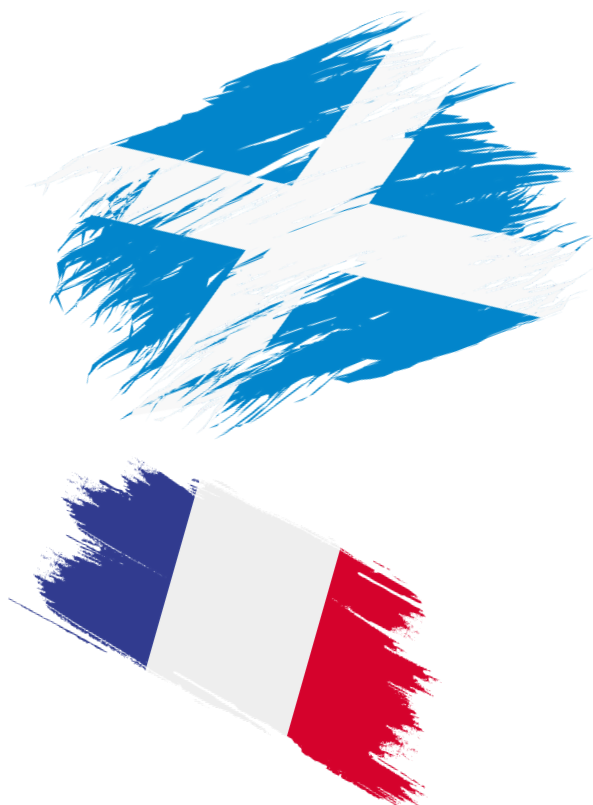


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PRIMARY 7Y

We have enjoyed exploring France and Scotland as part of our topic. We had to choose one of the countries and work as a team to create a poster. Our posters had to include a fact file about a famous person, a menu and a map that showed where different landmarks were in our chosen country.



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PRIMARY 6

PRIMARY 6 HALLOWEEN

P6 had a happy Halloween celebrating with lots of freaky fun activities. We even had a few winners. Well done to Lewis and Mila for being our 'Best Dressed', Lara and Jayden for being super at Musical Statues as well as Freya and Logan as our 'Best Dancers'.



PE – Gymnastics

This term we have been developing our gymnastics skills. We have been doing a selection of jumps, balances and rolls using a range of apparatus.



Science Visit

Tim Dreyer, STEM expert, visited P6 to help us explore carbon emissions and the effects they are having on the climate, both positive and negative. We enjoyed a Steam Engine demo, and took a step back in time to look at the industrial revolution and the start of major carbon emissions. Then we explored the global impacts of climate change and Tim demonstrated how our oceans act as absorbers of heat. We then asked 'Why is carbon dioxide useful?' To answer this question we got to make our very own fire extinguishers.



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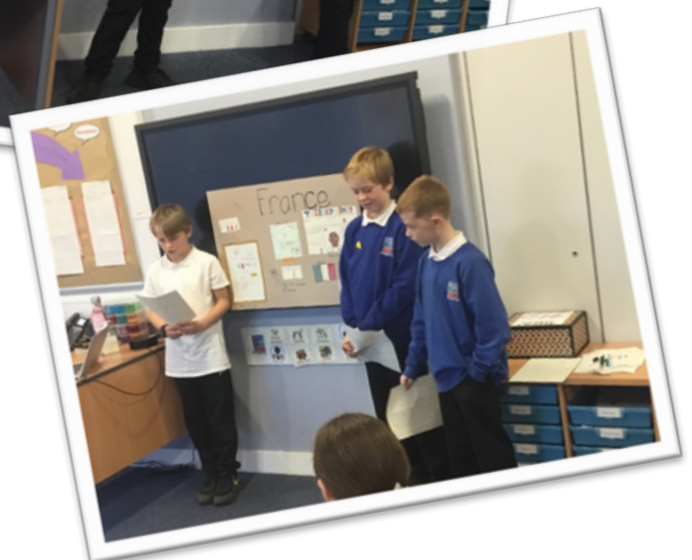
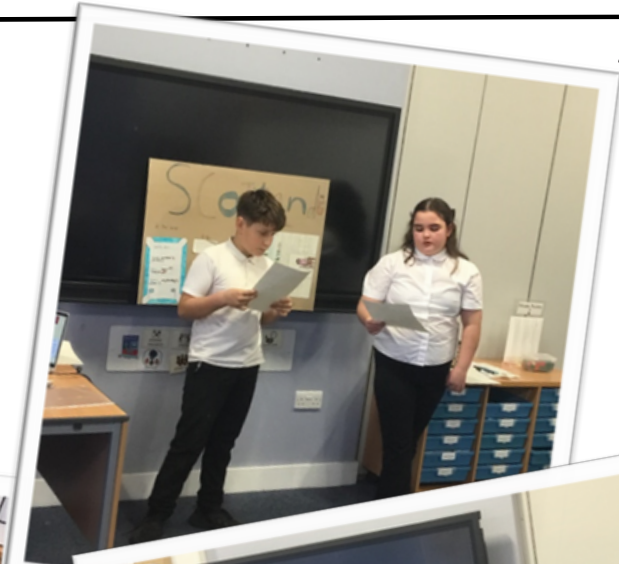
PRIMARY 7H



Scotland and France



We have been enjoying learning all about Scotland and France this term. We learned about traditional food and drink, landmarks, mapping and we also had the opportunity to research famous people from the country of our choice. We worked together with friends to create information posters that displayed all of our findings. To finish, we prepared scripts and rehearsed with our friends before presenting to an audience.



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PRIMARY 5

Endangered Animals from the Polar Regions

P5 have enjoyed learning all about the Polar Regions. After selecting a Polar endangered animal to research, pupils worked in pairs to use the internet to find out where the animal lived, its endangerment status and other interesting facts.

Next pupils created an informative poster. The poster included sketched images, typed text and a map with a key. To help access their typed work P5 saved all their work to a shared area on the OneDrive.

The pupils used success criteria to assess their work. The results were amazing.



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SUPPORTED LEARNING

Here are our highlights from another very busy term. We have enjoyed working with Ed from Drake Music and participating in sporting clubs organised by Euan. We have been busy practicing our Christmas show and still completing all of our classwork.



CLASSBASE 7



We have enjoyed exploring the 'Oi Frog' book series and finding words that rhyme. In maths, we have been learning about measure. We used scales to weigh light and heavy objects.

CLASSBASE 8

We have been mapping and exploring our school and the local woodland. We have built a shelter and enjoyed a warm hot chocolate as a reward.



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CLASSBASE 9



We have been celebrating different seasonal events this term. The children have been looking at seasonal change. We have been using the iPads to document this

CLASSBASE 10

We have been reading The Gruffalo and listening to the song. Our small world play focused on the text. We even baked our own Gruffalo Crumble! We also all enjoyed music therapy.



CLASSBASE 11

We have been looking at the changing seasons as we move from autumn to winter. We celebrated Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night. We all enjoyed working on the trampoline at Rebound Therapy.



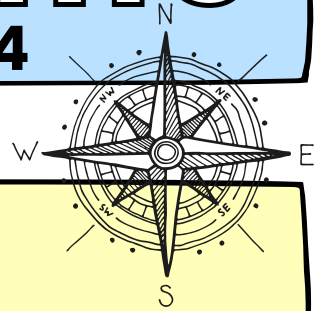
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THE EXPLORERS



We have been reading Gangsta Granny as our class novel. We spoke about friendship and what qualities make a good friend.



THE ADVENTURERS

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

We have been learning about different events. We investigated fireworks, Halloween, Remembrance, St. Andrew, Children in Need, and Diwali.



THE PIONEERS

We have been enjoyed learning about money, identifying and sorting coins and some pupils have been adding up to different values. We loved role playing in our Toy shop.



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SCHOOL SHOW

We were part of the greatest show ever ! Each class made a video , performed a live song and the whole department performed and BSL signed “Feliz Navidad”. It was wonderful.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



COFFEE MORNING



Parents and friends joined us for the whole school coffee morning. The cakes were great



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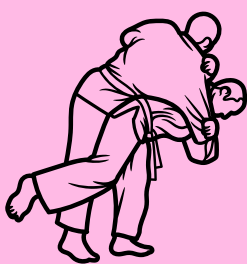
MUSIC THERAPY



Every class has a Music Therapy slot with Ed Holmes from Drake Music. We enjoyed listening to music, playing percussion and dancing to songs. We all loved listening to the guitar and saxophone.



JUDO



Pupils from various classes have been attending Judo training. We are enjoying learning new skills and working with peers from other classes. We are working towards achieving a red belt !

