



St. Andrew's Primary

Learning Overview – Term 2

Mrs Feeney - Primary 5/6



Literacy	Maths
<p>This term the children are focusing on one of three novels - each novel will challenge and extend pupils whilst providing a base from which to build on their skills and knowledge of comprehension and reading strategies. Out with the novel studies, Primary 5 and 6 pupils will be exposed to a number of new grammar concepts, will practise and improve their fine motor skills for handwriting and will continue to work through the Active Literacy program to develop their phonics knowledge and problem solving skills for spelling. In taught writing we will focus on narrative and information texts.</p>	<p>In maths this term, Primary 5/6 will be consolidating their learning from last term before moving on to learn about patterns and relationships - focusing on number patterns and sequences. When we're confident with that we'll move on to look at expressions and equations and will concentrate on solving and creating simple equations using the 4 operations and comparatives. Finally in the lead up to Christmas, we'll begin to look at fractions, decimals and percentages in more detail. With Miss Beekman P5/6 will be looking at measurement as a practical element of maths.</p>
Health & Well Being	Physical Education
<p>Primary 5/6 will be looking at the impact of food in terms of specific dietary requirements in health and wellbeing this term. As part of our Parliament and Law topic we will explore our rights according to the United Nations Conference for the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).</p>	<p>Primary 5/6 are working on their cognitive development whilst building their knowledge of zone ball games through the Better Movers and Thinkers programme. By incorporating communication, balls skills, creativity, movement and teamwork they are developing a multitude of skills.</p>
Science	Social Subjects
<p>In science Primary 5/6 will carry out an experiment looking at forces and materials when we carry out a rocket launch. Using different liquids, we will test which material is the best fuel. We will practise writing up an experiment by completing a booklet with a hypothesis, method and conclusion during and after our experiment.</p>	<p>Our topic this term is Parliament and Law. We will look at different types of governments, the electoral system, the history of the Scottish Parliament, and laws which affect us. In addition to this we'll learn about political parties, campaigns and results.</p>
Technology	Music
<p>The children will be developing their graphics and design skills with Miss Beekman, this term. Additionally, we have been using digital technology to enhance our learning this term, using computers and ipads to research, present and share information about our topic and novel studies. In addition to using technology to enhance our use of mathematics skills through gaming.</p>	<p>Primary 5/6 are receiving music lessons every two weeks from our Kodali instructor this term. In addition to embarking on a musical journey with ABC Music. We will be learning about different notes and their representations in music, beats and bars, whilst experiencing music by playing instruments, singing and creating music of our own.</p>
Drama	Art
<p>The children participate in regular drama lessons and have the opportunity to explore a variety of drama techniques and conventions. This term our focus conventions will be: mime, monologue and narration. They will have many opportunities to practise using these throughout the term.</p>	<p>This term our art focus will be painting and colour. Throughout the term we will have the opportunity to complete many pieces of artwork in addition to experimenting with mixing primary colours to create new ones, using a variety of tools and materials and demonstrating our knowledge of cool and warm colours.</p>
RE [This is our Faith]	Homework Projects
<p>Primary 5/6 will cover a variety of topics in R.E this term. We will look at our Christian heritage in Scotland and remember the faithfully departed. Additionally we will spend some time learning about Our Lady and in the lead up to Christmas, we will develop our knowledge and understanding of advent.</p>	<p>Thank you for your assistance in supporting children to complete homework so far this year. Homework is usually set on a Monday to be completed by and handed in on a Friday. Children are asked to get someone at home to look over their work with them and sign it - again, thank you for your support.</p>

Please find brief details of what your child will be covering in class this term. Take time to ask them about their learning.

We know children attain better when a parent or carer at home discusses their learning with them. Like you, we want all our children attaining and achieving to their maximum potential.