



St. Andrew's Primary

Learning Overview

Mrs Henderson Primary 4



Literacy	Maths
<p>In term 3 the children will continue to work in their reading groups, applying the comprehension strategies with greater independence. There will be a larger focus on drawing inferences from the clues given by the author. The children will continue to progress through the Stage 4/5 spelling and phonics programme whereby they will have a fortnightly phoneme focus and will also explore spelling rules and strategies. In writing the children will be studying the Information Report and Persuasive genres.</p>	<p>Throughout term 3, the children will be studying Data Handling, Multiplication and Division, Shape and Money. The children will continue to explore mental addition and subtraction during daily mental agility sessions whereby the children are encouraged to apply a variety of mental number strategies to challenging number problems. The children are showing strengths in their ability to articulate the mental process they use and are applying them with greater confidence.</p>
Health & Wellbeing (including PE)	Religious Education
<p>In PE the children will continue to participate in the Better Movers and Thinkers programme which develops cognitive thinking through the concept of sport with Mr Cairns. This term the children will be developing gymnastic skills and techniques as well as creating and performing gymnastic sequences. They will continue to apply the coordinated thinking approach to a variety of activities.</p>	<p>The children will begin preparation for their First holy Communion in early February. They will work through each unit, week-by-week with a home activity to be completed at the end of each week. They will also explore the seasons of Lent and Eastertide whereby they will study the significance of the seasons as well as the symbols and connections within the bible.</p>
Science	Social Subjects
<p>In Science the children will be exploring the safe and effective use of electricity. During this study they will discuss and investigate conductors and insulators as well as electrical circuits.</p>	<p>The children will begin term 3 with a study of Robert Burns in preparation for their Burns Supper at the end of January. Following this, the children will be embarking on a study of Malawi.</p>
Technology	Music
<p>In term 3, the children will continue to explore the use of PowerPoint as a means of presenting information. They will begin looking at more complex features and tools of the programme and transfer their knowledge of other aspects of learning into a PowerPoint presentation, including Malawi and Robert Burns</p>	<p>Throughout this term, the children will enjoy exploring the dynamics of music using the ABC programme. In particular they will study some Scottish pieces of music, with a focus on the music of Robert Burns. They will explore mood music and their ability to use music as a means of visualisation.</p>
Drama	Art
<p>The children will continue to explore the conventions of Drama through a variety of contexts. In reading the children will continue to make use of the hot-seating convention to deepen their knowledge of the characters. As well as this, the children will further explore the conventions of mime, freeze frame and thought-tracking using the social studies topics as stimuli.</p>	<p>The children will be creating a range of art pieces using Robert Burns and The Romans as a stimulus. They will particularly enjoy designing their own shields and uniforms as well as creating and designing their own tartan patterns. They will be using their knowledge of line, shape and tone to create an observational line drawing of Robert Burns.</p>
Spanish P1-7	Homework Projects
<p>The children will continue to make use of conversational Spanish with a focus on numbers, days, months and simple greetings.</p>	<p>Homework is distributed on a Monday morning and returned on a Thursday. The children have read and signed a contracting giving them ownership and responsibility for their homework. They receive 3-4 pieces of homework per week. The children will be encouraged to make use of the Study Ladder website to support and extend their learning.</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.