



St. Andrew's Primary Learning Overview Mrs Henderson Primary 4



Literacy	Maths
Throughout the term the children will both continue to develop their use of a range of spelling strategies which can be applied to common and tricky words. They will explore the oo, ff and ow phonemes; applying the diacritical marking code to develop their phonological awareness. They will continue to explore the 6 reading comprehension strategies, particularly in drawing inferences from a variety of fiction texts and will develop their knowledge of the features of non-fiction texts. In writing they will explore Narrative, Explanation and Instructional writing genres with a focus on appropriate layout and accurate punctuation.	In maths the children will be introduced to subtraction within 1000, exploring a variety of mental and written strategies. They will continue to develop their mental agility through the application of a variety of mental techniques to solve varying levels of problems in our daily chilli challenge. They will also enjoy exploring maths topics which include Time, Information Handling and Length. During ICT time the children will make use of Sumdog and Study Ladder as a means of consolidating their number work.
Health & Wellbeing (including PE)	Religious Education
In PE the children are working with Mr Cairns who is developing their creativity and core strength through gymnastics. They will work on developing stamina and increased fitness and revise skills for ball games. They are continuing to develop their multi-cognitive ability; stimulating both sides of the brain simultaneously. The children are being reminded of the importance of safe movement and cooperation within the gym hall setting.	In RE the children will be exploring other world religions to develop respect and tolerance of different faiths. It is a very special year for P4 who are looking forward to making their First Holy Communion in May. From February the children will begin to prepare for this special Sacrament using their Communion workbooks which will be sent home weekly for completion.
Science	Social Subjects
Miss Beekman will be exploring a range of Science topics with P4 this term through investigative work. They will begin the term by learning about the Water Cycle.	The children will explore the history of The Romans with a focus on life in Britain during the Roman Era. They will visit Motherwell Heritage Centre where they will participate in a workshop to further explore the life of the Romans.
Technology	Music
The children will revise safe and effective use of a range of ICT equipment this term. They will extend their knowledge and ability to create text and multimedia for a range of purposes; focusing on the editing features. They will further develop their use of keyboard skills. Using Sumdog and Study Ladder the children will consolidate their learning in maths and literacy.	With Miss Beekman, the children will use the ABC interactive music programme to extend their musical knowledge. They will learn to keep the beat and be introduced to a variety of untuned percussion instruments. They will learn a variety of action songs and be involved in regular hymn practice.
Drama	Art
Using our topic – The Romans – and throughout our preparations for Communion, the children will explore the drama conventions of hot-seating, mime, freeze frame and role on the wall to deepen their knowledge of life in the Roman era and the miracles of Jesus.	The children will enjoy creating a range of topic related art work focusing on pattern, collage and 3D clay modelling.
Modern Languages P1-7	Homework Projects
The children will be introduced to conversational French and Spanish with a focus on numbers, days, months and simple greetings.	The children will enjoy consolidating their learning by choosing a starter, main and dessert (if they're still peckish!) from St. Andrew's Homework Café Menu. Menus can be found in the children's homework folders which are distributed on a Monday, to be returned on a Friday. They will continue to receive regular reading homework.

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.