**Literacy Focus**

Reading: This term we will focus on reading fiction and nonfiction, children will become aware of the range of strategies required when reading for different purposes.

Writing: As well as focusing on strategies to improve imaginative writing we will look at features of nonfiction. P2 and p3 will be encouraged to use VCOP (Vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation) as a way to improve writing skills.

P1 will use organisers before writing to develop skills.

Listening and Talking: Pupils will be encouraged to listen for information. All pupils will give a short presentation based on personal research.

P1 will continue to move through the Jolly Phonics scheme to learn new sounds. They will use magnetic boards to blend individual sounds to make words.

**Numeracy Focus**

All stages this term will be developing their maths skills in the concept of place value.

We will consolidate skills in addition, subtraction and numbers to 1000 through interactive mental activities.

We will develop multiplication and division skills and an understanding of simple fractions and information handling. Please practice tables at home as they are the foundation for all multiplication and division work.

P1 will develop knowledge and speed in number bonds to 10 and 20.

We will continue to work on numeracy through Big Maths and Number Talks to help improve fluency and flexibility in mental agility.

Class: P1 - 3 Topic Focus: Celebrations and Festivals Term: Jan-Mar 2018

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**Additional Information**

Please ensure your child has suitable clothes for outdoor learning. These, together with wellies, can be left at school.

PE will take place on Mondays and Fridays.

Homework will be given on Monday and to be handed in for Friday.

Please label all pupils belongings as it is very easy for items to get mixed up or lost.

**Opportunities for Personal Achievement**

It is good to feel proud of what we achieve. This term we will all get the opportunity to take part in:

* School Committees
* Sports Clubs / Activities / After School Clubs
* Target Setting and Celebrating Success
* Reward Time
* Scottish poetry competition
* Writing Competition (Riddle)
* Class Dojo / Dojo Champ of the week

Please let us know about your child’s achievements outside of school.

**Ethos & Life of the school**

This term’s opportunities include:

* Further development of RRS principles
* Financial Education week
* Burns Supper
* Daily Mile
* Easter Service
* Outdoor Learning
* Church Garden Project
* World Book Day

**Discrete Subjects**

**RME** – The class will learn about the symbolism relating to the Easter Celebration. Children will find out what Christians do at Easter and create fact files about Easter eggs. We will research the Holi festival in India (festival of colours) and learn about the Chinese New year through ICT. We will also use technology to design Mardi gras masks.

**MFL**- We continue to work on our French and BSL language skills through daily activities.

**Health & Wellbeing Focus**

The focus on our Health and Wellbeing studies will be hygiene during food preparation and healthy eating. Children will have the chance to practice these skills by making simple snacks. Our focus during P.E will be ball skills through the context of netball and basketball. Children will also identify how our bodies change during exercise and the reasons for this.

We will continue to do the Daily Mile

**Interdisciplinary Learning**

This term we will develop our understanding of celebrations and festivals.

This will start with looking at the life of Robert Burns and what happens at a Burns supper. We will be looking at the map of Scotland and identifying his birthplace. We will also be learning and using Scots words and phrases.

P1 will research what happened on the day they were born.

P2 and p2 will find out about local festivals.

We will learn about many other celebrations including Easter, Valentine’s Day, World Book day, Mardi gras and Holi. The topic will follow the children’s interests.