

Numeracy & Maths

This term in Numeracy and Mathematics, we will be continuing to focus on key areas to support your child's mathematical development. These include patterns and relationships, shape, number, time, money, fractions, measure, and information handling.

In number, pupils will continue to develop fluency with counting, ordering and comparing numbers, using mental strategies and written methods appropriate to their level. They will apply these skills to real-life problem-solving situations, including sharing and grouping, and will be introduced to simple fractions such as halves and quarters, recognising them in practical contexts.

Through a variety of engaging activities and real-life contexts, students will explore these concepts to build confidence and deepen their understanding.

All learning will be supported by collaborative group work, practical resources and relevant contextual issues to ensure maths is meaningful and interesting for every pupil.

Topic/Science

Topic: This term our topic is Scotland, led by the pupils' interests and ideas. The children have been responsible for planning what they want to learn and have chosen to explore Scotland's landscapes, cities, culture and food. This cross-curricular approach helps bring learning to life in a fun and meaningful way. You can support your child's learning at home by sharing books about Scotland, exploring museum or landmark websites, or watching short videos about Scottish landscapes, cities and culture. We're looking forward to a term full of discovery, exploration and Scottish fun!

Science: This term, children will be exploring our planet and the wider solar system through a range of fun and engaging activities. Pupils will enjoy creating their own planets using papier-mâché and balloons. Pupils will use digital technology to design planet fact files. Our younger pupils will develop their understanding through play-based, hands-on learning experiences, helping to spark curiosity and excitement about space.

RME /Expressive Arts

RME: This term the children are learning about the Jewish celebration 'Shabbat'. Pupils will explore the meaning, rituals, and values of Shabbat. Children will learn what Shabbat is, how it is welcomed, what happens at the Shabbat table and compare this with their own experiences.

Expressive Arts: This term, pupils will be combining our Scottish topic with RME to explore culture and creativity through art. They will have fun weaving tartan, creating potato characters in traditional Scottish kilts, and designing their own Scottish Clan crests. Alongside this, they will enjoy Shabbat-themed art activities, bringing together learning about tradition, identity, and celebration in a hands-on, creative way. Pupils will also be working with Miss Green and Miss Nelson for Music, taking part in a variety of music sessions, preparing for our upcoming competition, then performing at the Ayrshire Music Festival.

Literacy & English

Writing: All pupils will continue developing skills across all areas of writing, with a focus on persuasive and poetry writing. Pupils will also be provided with opportunities to explore all areas of writing through short burst writing activities.

Phonics: This term pupils will continue to learn the English alphabetic code - developing accuracy, fluency and comprehension as pupils read and write. The focus sounds for each group are as follows.

Group 1 - f, e, l, h, r, j, v, y, w, z, x, sh, th, ch, qu, ng and nk.

Group 2 - qu, ou, ow, oi, oy and -ue.



Reading: All pupils will continue to develop their reading skills through a range of activities in class and at home, including reading for enjoyment, accessing the library van, reading homework and class stories. Our class novel is *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl.

HWB

HWB - Pupils will explore feelings and emotions through Zones of Regulation and build an understanding of positive relationships, how thoughts and feelings influence choices, and the roles and responsibilities of being a parent or care.



PE - This term pupils will be continuing to refine skills in gymnastics performance and look to explore racket sports.

Class 1 P.E. will be a Monday and Wednesday.

Remember that no jewellery should be worn on these days, especially earrings! Please provide tape if earrings can't be removed

Opportunities for Personal Achievement

We will be continuing to focus on your child's achievements in and out with school. We will be celebrating wider achievements in class and during Together time, encouraging children to share their achievements. Please chat to your child about this at home. Wider achievements might include an award at a club your child attends, a picture they have drawn, learning to tie their laces, setting the table for dinner, making their bed etc.



Please bring in/e-mail in any awards (e.g. trophies, medals) from home and we will add them to the achievement wall.