

# Curriculum for Excellence









## What are we learning this term?

### Cross-curricular theme: 'Local Farming'

Class: Primary 4

2023-2024 Term 1 and 2

Mrs Caird & Mrs Baird

<p><b>Literacy and English</b></p> <p><b>Reading</b> We will be reading 'The Hodgeheg' as our whole class text and following the North Lanarkshire Literacy Programme which enables us to explore a wide range of texts. We will be given opportunities to work on active comprehension and written tasks to develop our questioning and gain a deeper understanding of texts. We will also enjoy choosing our own texts to read in class.</p> <p><b>Spelling</b> On a Monday morning, we will be given spelling words to practise each day in class. Spelling words will be set as homework on a Monday. We will learn a variety of common and tricky words and phoneme words too.</p> <p><b>Writing</b> This term we will work on imaginative writing, focusing on setting and character descriptions. We will also be writing some seasonal poetry! <i>Article 13 &amp; 29</i></p> 	<p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p>As we return to school, the initial focus will be learning all about our rights and the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators. We will then move onto the topic of 'Local Farming'. We will discuss different types of farming, where people get their food from, research to find out how farms have changed throughout history, trace the journey that some of the foods I eat make from farm-to-fork and much more.</p> <p><i>Article 13, 28, 29 &amp; 31</i></p> 	<p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p> <p><u>P.E.</u> P.E. days will be a Wednesday &amp; Thursday this term. In P.E., we will take part in some team building activities at the start of the term and we will discuss what good sportsmanship looks like. We will then move on to develop our tennis skills with Mrs Caird and with Mrs Baird our focus will be developing our general fitness, coordination and stamina. We will improve these skills through various circuit activities and games.</p> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing</u> We will be learning all about our rights and will create a new class charter based on the rights that are most important to us in school. We will discuss what makes a good friend, talk about how we can include others and identify what makes us unique. We will also learn about 'Growth Mindset' and how to move from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset. We will learn to be persistent, seek out feedback and share in the success of others. <i>Article 3, 15 &amp; 31</i></p> 	<p><b>Religious and Moral Education</b></p> <p>This term we will be exploring Christianity in particular the story of 'Joseph'. <i>Article 14</i></p> 
<p><b>Numeracy and Mathematics</b></p> <p>During term one, we will be covering aspects of number, place value, addition &amp; subtraction and multiplication &amp; division. Pupils will have access to concrete materials to support active learning in numeracy &amp; mathematics. We will also explore the properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects. <i>Article 29</i></p> 	<p><b>Technologies</b></p> <p>We will be using iPads and laptops on a regular basis to support our learning across the curriculum. Internet safety messages will be reinforced including the importance of not sharing personal details online.</p> <p>We will use applications such as Microsoft Word and PowerPoint to develop our word processing skills. This will include using different features such as amending the colour, font, size and alignment of a text. We will also learn simple keyboard shortcuts to further develop our typing skills. <i>Article 17</i></p> 	<p><b>Sciences</b></p> <p>In science this term, we will be learning about Biological Systems looking particularly into our 'Body and Organs'. We will explore the position and function of the skeleton and major organs and learn how to keep them healthy. <i>Article 24</i></p> 	<p><b>Expressive Arts</b></p> <p>In Art, we will have the opportunity to use a wide range of media. Through observing and recording from our experiences across the curriculum, we will learn to create images and objects, which show awareness and recognition of detail. Inspired by a range of stimuli, we will learn to express and communicate ideas, thoughts and feelings through drama. We will use our 'Local Farming' topic as a stimulus.</p> <p>In music, we will focus on the genre of R&amp;B and learn how to sing Let Your Spirit Fly. We will also learn about the different dimensions of music including the pulse, rhythm and tempo. <i>Article 31</i></p> 

### Additional Information:

Primary 4 will have gym on a Wednesday & Thursday this term. Children will record a brief overview of homework in their homework diaries. Children must bring reading books and homework diary to school every day as they will be used in class on a daily basis. Thank you.