Curriculum for Excellence What are we learning this term?

Cross-curricular theme: Great Britain and Northern Ireland



Class: Primary 4 2024-2025 Term 3 & 4

Miss Clark & Miss Breaky

Literacy and English



Phonics (spelling)

As a school, we are teaching phonics/spelling through a renewed South Ayrshire Reads approach. We will focus on a new phoneme (sound) each week and this will be consolidated through homework tasks. More information can be found here:

SAC South Ayrshire Reads Strategy 2023 V.1.pdf (south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Reading

This term we will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts and will engage in a range of activities to continue developing our comprehension skills. We will also continue our Accelerated Reading Programme which allows us to read for pleasure whilst developing our understanding of the text.

Writing

In writing, we are continuing to write texts for different purposes. Our main focus this term will be report writing and writing persuasive texts.

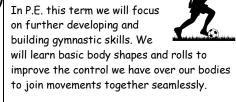
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Social Studies

This term our topic will be Great Britain and Northern Ireland. We will begin this topic by learning the poem 'Fireworks aff the Castle' by Matthew Fitt, for the school poetry competition. We will start our topic with a focus on Scotland and then spend a couple of weeks learning about each country in the United Kingdom, learning about key landmarks, traditions, myths, and lots more. We will link our learning to key celebrations such as St. David's Day and St. Patrick's Day. We will conclude our learning on this topic through a 'sharing the learning event' with our parents which will take place on Friday 14th March 2025.

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Health and Wellbeing



In Health and Wellbeing, we will talk about becoming more active on a daily basis and will continue to have a focus on kindness and how we can be kind to others. In addition to this we will begin to look at the different kinds of jobs that people do and begin to consider our own career ambitions. We will consider our own strengths, interests, and skills and begin thinking about what jobs these align most closely to. This learning will be further developed throughout World of Work week (week beginning 24th February 2025) where we will have guest speakers in to tell us all about their careers.

Article 3, 15, 28, 29 and 3.

Religious and Moral Education



In RME this term, we will learn about the Hindu story of the Ramayana and discover how good overcomes evil. We will also focus on the celebration of Easter. We will learn about the symbols of Easter and their meanings.

Article 14, 28 and 29.

Numeracy & Mathematics

In Numeracy & Mathematics this term, we will do a lot of work on multiplication and division. We will work on increasing our mental agility when recalling times tables and work towards confidently dividing with remainders. We will develop our understanding of fractions: comparing, ordering, and finding a fraction of a quantity. In addition to this we will learn how to tell the time with increasing confidence using both digital and analogue clocks.

With Miss Breakey on a Thursday, our focus will be on measurement, exploring the concepts of length, mass, volume, and capacity.

Articles 28 and 29

Technologies





Sciences



Expressive Arts



In technologies, we will learn to develop our skill in using Word documents and PowerPoint. We will improve touch typing and develop our skill in inserting, sending, and presenting information to others.

Articles 17, 28 and 29.

At the beginning of this term, we will complete our science topic - body and body organs. Thereafter we will learn about forces and friction, with a particular focus on predicting the effect of forces and through exploring magnetism.

Articles 28 and 29.

We will have the opportunity to use a range of media, including technologies, to create different pieces of artwork across the curriculum.

Aligning with our current topic, we will be learning some traditional Scottish dances, such as the Virginia Reel and the Canadian Barn dance.

Articles 13, 28, 29 and 31

Additional Information: Primary 4 will have gym on a Wednesday & Thursday this term. Each week, children will record an overview of homework in their homework diaries - this will contain a phonics and mathematics task as well as some reading practice. Children must bring their reading books and homework diaries to school every day as they will be used in class daily.