Curriculum for Excellence

What are we learning?

Cross-curricular theme: Scotland/STEM Pioneers



Class: P7 (Term 3 and 4)

Session: 2024 - 2025

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Literacy and English



In reading, we will complete our transition class novel, 'A Kind of Spark' and aim to further develop our reading comprehension strategies and fluency. Through this book, pupils will have opportunities to learn about inclusion & friendships. Pupils will also be encouraged to read for enjoyment through our Accelerated Reading programme.

(Articles 2, 28, 29)

Using our novel and topic, pupils will experience writing across a range of genres including narrative, persuasive, explanation, non-chronological reports, recount and poetry. Weekly spelling and grammar lessons will also be completed. Pupils will prepare a presentation for a class talk, with more details to follow.

Social Studies

Our main topics of the term are going to be Scotland and STEM Pioneers.

We will be learning about the Scots Language, Robert Burns and also learning about the history of the Scottish Witch Trials, through our class novel. We will also complete a short topic focusing on STEM Pioneers and how their contributions to science, technology, engineering and mathematics shaped the way we live today. Pupils will also have opportunities to complete practical experiments relating to the topic. (Article 29)

Health and Wellbeing

We will focus on making positive choices in relation to healthy lifestyles, behaviour and friendships. We will take part in SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health) workshops, which will focus on managing stress, anxiety & wellbeing. Pupils will study the effects that substance misuse can have. P7 will also learn about hygiene, puberty and sex education.

(Articles 6, 18, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34)

P.E.

P.E. is on a Wednesday and Friday with a focus on fitness, team building games, hockey, touch rugby, netball, athletics and dance. After completing their Junior Coaching Award, pupils will have the opportunity to lead sessions.

(Articles 24, 29 & 31)

Religious and Moral Education



This term, Primary 7 will be exploring the story of Purim in Judaism and Easter in Christianity. We will focus on traditions, beliefs and the meaning behind the religious Events, as well as key elements of the stories. (Article 14)

French

This term we will reinforce the days of the week and the months of the year in French. We will be learning the vocabulary associated with the weather and seasons. We will also learn vocabulary to enable us to talk about ourselves and our family.

Numeracy and Mathematics



Pupils will continue moving through units of work designed to equip them with the knowledge, skills and strategies required to be successful at secondary level mathematics & prepare them for third level. Mental maths will continue to be a strong focus with strategies being taught to develop mental agility in a fun and motivating way. This term we will be busy working on fractions, decimals and percentages, money, weight, negative numbers, data analysis, angles and bearings.

(Articles 28 & 29)

Technologies

iPads, laptops and computers will be utilised frequently across the term to support pupils' learning. In ICT this term we will develop our knowledge and skills in MS Office and other applications to create and present information in an appropriate format. We will know how to save files in a range of formats for specific purposes and consistently and independently organise work in digital folders.

(Articles 13, 17 & 28)

Sciences

We will explore the scientific concept of inheritance and learn about characteristics and traits that we inherit or acquire. Pupils will also participate in the practical Reebops experiment which provides a fun and simple way of introducing ideas of inherited characteristics and variation within a species.

(Articles 28 & 29)

Expressive Arts

We will continue to complete art activities relating to significant annual events, as well as topic themed projects. Pupils will communicate and express their views, thoughts and feelings in drama and music through our topic & class novel studies.

(Articles 13, 29 & 31)

Additional Information:

P.E.: Every Wednesday and Friday. We will use the changing rooms to get changed into our PE kit, therefore, we remind pupils to come prepared with appropriate clothing to change into for P.E.

Miss Breakey: Teaching French and ICT every Tuesday.

Lunches: School dinners can be ordered and purchased from the kitchen; however, pupils are also able to bring in their own snack and packed lunch.

Books: We encourage pupils to bring in a reading book of their choice to school to promote reading for enjoyment.

Residential: Plans are well underway for the upcoming residential at Dumfries House on Tuesday 1st April - Friday 4th April 2025.

If you have any questions, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Mr Cairns 🙂