

St Patrick's Primary – Curriculum Snapshot

Primary 4/5

Term 3

Session: 2018-2019



Numeracy and Mathematics

The P4 group will continue to build up their tables, relating them to division facts and fractions of a whole number. The group will also look at fractions, learning about numerators and denominators, as well as ordering on a number line. There will be time too for the concept of Probability and chance. P5 will revise, and should know, all the tables to 10, understanding the terms 'factors' and 'multiples'. We will also begin multiplication of 2digit numbers by 2digits (mentally). In Time work, we will look at, and use, calendars and timetables. During Measure we will carry out work on capacity using litres (l) and millilitres (ml) and reading scales.



Health and WellBeing

In P.E. we will be developing our athletics skills through a variety of activities and games. In running - looking at running over low and high obstacles, in jumping - explore different body shapes in the air and in throwing - using a weighted ball to push throw with increasing accuracy. All of this will also help us to take part fully in sports Day and support our House Team. The class will also be discussing food and food hygiene, as well as looking at creating a balanced meal. As part of their Science topic, Primary 4 will take part in Heart Start Training, making links with Scotland's Young Workforce.



Science

P4 will continue to explore 'My Healthy Body', learning to name and locate the main organs in the body and develop an understanding of the human body. P5 will look at Chemical Reactions and Chemical Changes where heat or cold is involved. This topic was postponed from last term.

Literacy



All children will be revisiting dictionary/thesaurus skills looking at alphabetical order and definitions, at their own level. They will also be looking at note-taking, key words and creating new texts from their notes. The groups will continue with Bug Club – some looking at facts and opinion through text, while others will be trying to identify the main ideas of the text they are reading. The P4 group will also be given their own Bug Club logins with books to enjoy at home with Parents/Family. Functional Writing will be part of our Big Writing this term, looking at how to write up our experiments, letters related to our work, as well as Writers Craft pieces and continuing with our own stories and poems. In French we will be looking at, and using, food and café vocabulary and phrases.

Interdisciplinary Topic



Children will gain business and enterprise skills, and have knowledge and an understanding of the importance and methods of managing finance through our enterprise topic. They will learn to understand concepts such as budget, profit, revenue and loss. Working collaboratively, they will develop a wide range of skills across the curriculum. With a 'Dragons Den' style focus, children will work in mixed groups to design, create and pitch a board game.

Primary 5 will be researching the lives of William Wallace and King Robert the Bruce. They will be finding out about some of the more important/memorable people associated with late 13th Century/early 14th Century Scotland. They will learn about the Battles for Scotland's freedom during the Scottish Wars of Independence, especially the Battles of Stirling Bridge and Bannockburn.

Expressive Arts



This term our theme in music is togetherness. Through listening and appraising a variety of soul/gospel songs, we will be developing our abilities to interpret the lyrics and describe the instruments being played to form an opinion on a piece of music. We will also be learning to sing and play instruments to Lean On Me. P5 be developing music and drama skills through the production of our summer show 'The X Factory', while P4 will experience the energy and excitement of performance. We will also try some weaving and design our own tartans.

Technologies



We will use our ICT times to carry out research for our group topics as well continue to look at using graphics – cutting, pasting, resizing and adding borders, using these skills when making group topic powerpoints. We will continue using Dance Mat to improve keyboarding skills. Time too for some junk modelling related to our topics as well as looking at products that have changed over time e.g. phone, and trying to design the next generation of that product and what improvements they might make.

Religious Education



For Primary 4 Children, this term there will be continued preparation for the Sacrament of First Communion (11th May).

During May Primary 5 will focus on devotion to Mary. We will look at the Rosary and discuss the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries. We will be discussing the Ascension and revisit the story of Pentecost and link it back to Confirmation.