Primary 2 Learning Overview January – April 2026

LITERACY AND LANGUAGES
What your child is learning in school

Reading: Learning to Love Books

Your child is continuing their journey as a reader. We will focus on:

- Choosing and Sharing: Learning how to pick books using the cover, title, or author and explaining why they enjoy certain stories or writers.
- Story Solving: Finding the main ideas in a text, asking questions to make sense of what they have read, and spotting the difference between a fact and an opinion.
- Connecting to the Text: Answering different types of questions about a text and sharing their own ideas about the writer's message based on their own experiences and their learning about how to persuade.

Writing: Finding Their Voice

Your child is learning how to share a viewpoint and use vocabulary to convince the reader to agree with their ideas. We will focus on:

- Building Sentences: Using capital letters, full stops, and joining words to organise thoughts in a logical order that makes sense; starting sentences in different ways to engage the reader.
- Spelling and Tools: Applying phonics to spell new words and using the spelling supports in the classroom to help them.

Listening & Talking: Sharing Ideas

Your child is learning how to communicate with others. We will focus on:

- Being a Kind Communicator: Learning to take turns, use friendly expressions/body language, and show respect when others are talking.
- Smart Listening: Noticing the difference between facts and opinions and asking different types of questions to understand new information.

Languages: Scots

Your child is learning how to communicate in another language. We will focus on:

- Singing and Performing: Joining in with Scots rhymes and songs, using actions and gestures to show they know exactly what the words mean.
- Language Skills: Learning how to translate simple Scots words into English, spotting rhyming words, and sharing how the stories make them feel.
- Scottish Detectives: Discovering facts about Scotland, the traditional foods and famous national celebrations.

How you can help at home

- Continue to read to your child and talk about books together, encouraging your child to share their own opinions. Ask your child to try to convince you of something giving reasons e.g. why they should be allowed to have a healthy snack.
- Check your child's Community Group (previously called Communication Group) weekly for their new sound, their 'I See You See' and for texts that they can practice their reading and spelling skills with which match and consolidate the sounds they have been introduced to and taught.

MATHS AND NUMERACY
What your child is learning in school

Your child is continuing to build a strong foundation in numbers, time, and measurement through hands-on learning. We will focus on:

- **Counting Development: Building number sense**
  Building number confidence by practising counting forwards and backwards in 2s and 10s while using the correct mathematical vocabulary.
- **Multiplication and Division**
  Discovering how to multiply and divide by sharing items into equal groups, using "repeated addition" e.g. 2+2+2+2=8 or 4+4=8. They will also be learning that whether we have 4 groups of 2 (like 4 pairs of shoes) or 2 groups of 4 (like 2 cars with 4 people), we still have 8 in total. For example: 4x2=8, 2x4=8.
- **Fractions: Learning about parts of a whole**
  Exploring how to split objects into equal parts like halves ($\frac{1}{2}$) and quarters ($\frac{1}{4}$), learning how to name these parts and compare their sizes on a number line.
- **Expressions and Equations**
  Using symbols like > (greater than), < (less than), and = (equal to) to compare amounts and solving "balancing" puzzles where a symbol e.g. ? or ☐ represents a missing number.
- **Time Understanding the rhythm of the day**
  Practising telling the time using "half past" and "o'clock" on digital and analogue clocks, while learning to use calendars and timers to track months, seasons, and daily events.
- **Measurement: Using 'math talk' in real life**
  Using tools like rulers, scales, and measuring jugs to estimate and find the weight, length, and volume of everyday objects in standard units like centimetres.

How you can help at home

- At home, you can practice 'Kitchen Maths' by asking your child to help you measure ingredients using a scale or jug, or by having them fairly share a snack into equal groups for the family using their division skills.
- Use a clock or calendar to talk about the time and date, practise telling the time and talking about when family events are happening.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

PE & Movement

Your child will continue to explore how their bodies move and how to play fairly with their friends. We will focus on:

- Gymnastics: Learning to hold steady balances in different shapes and use our "core" muscles to stay strong. They will also practice moving in sequences, like skipping or jumping off a bench and landing safely without wobbling.
- Games and Teamwork: Building basketball and game skills by learning to dribble, change direction, and find open space. Most importantly, they are practising how to be 'good sports' by listening to others, being kind winners, and staying positive even if they lose.

Building Resilience

- Your child is learning to understand their own feelings and how to bounce back during challenging times by using helpful strategies and talking to people who can support them. They are also celebrating that everyone is unique and discovering how to continue to make our school a kind, welcoming place where we all feel confident to learn.

Food and Health

- Your child is learning how to handle, prepare and store food safely, understanding the journey our meals take from the farm to our plates.

INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

Art & Design

- Your child will be experimenting with tools like pencils for fine lines and chalk for large spaces to express their thoughts and feelings. They are also learning to use visual elements like texture and colour, showing scale in their drawings, and sharing their personal views on the work of famous artists and designers.

Religious & Moral Education (RME)

- Your child will learn about becoming a global citizen by exploring Christianity and Islam to understand how special celebrations and traditions shape their world. They will reflect on their own personal values and discuss how these help make kind choices and in our daily lives.

Social Studies

- Your child will learn to compare what school life is like today with how children learned in the past. They will create timelines and investigate local history to tell the stories of people and places near our school, using models and drawings to show how things have changed over time.

Technologies

- Your child will be mastering practical skills like safe knife grips and sewing, while also solving design challenges and exploring how technology like phones and TVs have changed over time.