

Term 1 Curriculum Overview

Primary 4

English

- Reading - We will focus on reading for enjoyment, as well as how to find and discuss our preferences. We will also revise strategies for decoding unfamiliar words.
- Writing - We will be revising basic punctuation. We will look at extending our personal writing and retelling events in the correct order using greater detail.
- Phonics and Spelling - We will revise previously learned sounds, while focusing on strategies to spell words with greater independence. We will do this through creating a class 'Sound Wall'. We will then move on to learning a new spelling pattern each week.
- Handwriting - We will revise the letter joins.
- Grammar - We will revise prior learning on nouns, verbs and adjectives. We will extend knowledge to include synonyms, alphabetical order and tenses.

Other Curricular Areas

Our topic this term is Scotland. Throughout the term we will -

- Learn about Scotland's landscape.
- Find out about Scotland's climate and compare it to the climate another country.
- Compare the variety of living things between the two countries as a result of their different climate and landscape.
- Explore how decisions are made in Scotland.
- Pupil choice - We chose to find out more about Scotland's animals, inventions and famous people and places.

This term we will focus on our School Values of Determination and Happiness. We will explore these through several of the Big Bright Feelings books by Tom Percival.

We will create a class charter in line with Rights Respecting Schools.

In Technology, we will cover internet safety and saving and locating files on a laptop.

Mathematics

- Revise basic number facts in mental maths including doubles, times tables and addition and subtraction facts to 20.
- Explore the number sequence to 1000 and place value within this.
- Develop skills with estimation and rounding.

Physical Education

- In PE with Mrs Ritchie, we will be focussing on games skills and games making. We will begin school swimming later in the term.
- We will have an additional PE session in the gym hall with Miss Simpson.

French

- Revise and practise basic French greetings.
- Learn new vocabulary to share information such as age, hair colour and eye colour.
- Listen and respond to basic classroom instructions in French.

Art

We will develop our skills with creating portraits.
We will learn about Scottish artists and recreate art in their style in class.

Music

We will be learning about pulse, rhythm & pitch through participating in singing games and rhymes. We will be learning to sing well as part of a group with some rhythmic accuracy & pitch.

Homework

Your child will take their reading book home daily along with a note of pages to be read aloud to an adult each night.