

# Term 3 Curriculum Overview

## Primary 4

### English

- Reading - We will focus on finding and using information in nonfiction texts.
- Through the celebration of World Book Day we will learn about the benefits of sharing stories and reading for enjoyment.
- Writing - We will be exploring how to engage an audience with our writing using different text formats e.g. poster, leaflet etc.
- We will also develop our functional writing skills by using features of nonfiction texts.
- Phonics and Spelling - We will continue to practise spelling strategies. We will continue to learn a new spelling pattern each week.
- Grammar - We will work on the correct use of simple homophones. We will also learn to use basic prefixes and suffixes.
- Listening & Talking - through sharing our news, we will develop verbal and non-verbal skills in sharing information with others.

### Art

We will build and create 3D castles and features of castles using a variety of materials.  
We will draw our own imaginary castles.

### Other Curricular Areas

Our topic this term is "Castles." Throughout the term we will -

- Learn why and where castles were built in Scotland.
- Investigate what life was like in a castle.
- Through design and technology challenges, explore the features of a castle and their uses.
- Select appropriate materials for design challenges and make adaptations when required.
- Investigate the history of local buildings such as Scalloway Castle and Clickimin Broch.

This term we will focus on our School Value of Respect.

In RME this term, we will be learning about the religion of Islam.

### Music

We will be singing songs from Scotland and other cultures and learning how to sing in two parts (in a round). We will learn about the pentatonic scale and the hand-signs associated. We will be learning simple rhythms, clapping and playing using rhythm names and following pictorial and stick notation.

### Mathematics

- Develop multiplication and division skills with 3-digit numbers.
- Tell the time using digital and analogue clocks.
- Build on skills with using money and calculating change.
- Expand mental maths skills to include the 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables.

### Physical Education

In PE with Mrs Ritchie, we will be focusing on:

- Dance: motivation and focus & concentration
- Bench Ball: communication and responsibility & leadership
- Short Tennis: cue recognition and coordination & fluency

### French

- Listen and respond to basic classroom instructions in French.
- Learn vocabulary for the days of the week and months of the year.

### 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.