Curriculum for Excellence What are we learning this term?



Primary 3- Term 1

Language & Literacy

This term we will focus on:

- Applying the 5-finger strategy when learning our phonemes.
- Higher order thinking reading strategies including prediction, skimming and scanning and determining the main idea.
- Writing a 'Rags to Riches' narrative piece of writing, focussing on character description.
- Developing our listening skills to give and follow instructions.
- Working on our grammar skills, focusing on nouns, verbs and adjectives.
- In French, we will focus on greetings, numbers and colours.

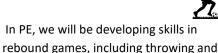
Social Studies

Our topic this term is 'The Vikings'. We will:

- Explore people and places of significance in relation to the Vikings.
- Investigate important Viking artefacts and create our own.
- Use timelines to record key events in Scottish Viking history.
- Develop an awareness of the ways we remember and preserve Scotland's history, such as the fire festival 'Up Helly Aa'.
- Compare aspects of people's daily lives in the past with our own.

Health & Wellbeing

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- We will develop our knowledge of safety at home and in school, with a focus on hygiene and cleanliness.
- We will investigate why sleep and physical activity are necessary for positive health and wellbeing.
- In addition, we will also be further developing our understanding of children's rights as a Rights Respecting School.

Religious & Moral

We will be exploring stories from world religions and be able to describe some of their key beliefs.

We will also talk about our own beliefs and learn about the key features of the values of world religions which are expressed in stories.

We will look at the moral stories of 'The Impoverished Son' (Buddhism) and 'A Brother Like That' (Islam).

Numeracy & Mathematics

This term, we will further develop our mental agility skills. We will also be developing skills in-

- Time applying knowledge of dates, months, and seasons to interpret and use calendars.
- Number bonds and facts within 20 and beyond
- Numbers up to 1000 recite, write and order.
- Place value e.g., 67 is 60 +7, 124 is 100 + 20 +
- Using and applying mental and written methods for addition and subtraction.
- Numbers Talks strategies to develop our mental maths capabilities.

Technologies

We will be using our ICT skills to enhance our learning across the curriculum.

We will also develop our use of-

- Microsoft Office Applications
- Keyboard skills
- Internet Safety
- iPad applications
- Search engines

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In addition, we will use digital technology to consolidate maths and literacy skills through Sumdog and Education City.

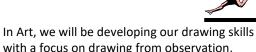
Science



will be learning about 'Insulation and Insulators'.

By taking part in investigations into how water can change from one form to another, we will develop skills in relating our findings to everyday experiences.

Expressive Arts



with a focus on drawing from observation, using techniques to add texture and creating pictures with a foreground and background.

In Music, we will use the Charanga programme to explore our musical talents and develop skill in performing! We will also look at pop music within different cultures.

Through our Talk for Writing story, we will be introduced to freeze frames and will be encouraged to work together during performances.





Home Learning Opportunities



Language & Literacy

Read for pleasure!

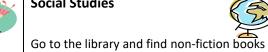
Read your class reading book.

Visit the library.

Talk to a parent or carer about what you are reading. Do you have a favourite author? Do you prefer fiction or non-fiction?

Practise your spelling words using active spelling strategies.

Social Studies



about Vikings. Use the contents page to look for subjects of interest.

Make a Viking adventure comic strip or board game highlighting the hard journey they had to make to reach Scotland.

Create a fact file about Viking gods and goddesses.

Draw and describe what a Viking might wear.

Health & Wellbeing



Create your own Viking exercise regime and teach it to your family or friends.

Recall times when you found it hard to sleep - birthdays, Christmas etc. Create a mind map of some strategies to help you fall asleep – have a warm drink, read a book etc.

Help an adult to prepare a meal, discussing good hygiene practices and what could happen if food isn't prepared safely.

Religious & Moral



Find out about the different faiths in your community.

Design a poster to encourage people to be kind to each other.

Find out about other moral stories or 'Parables' and talk to an adult about their message.

Numeracy & Mathematics



Practise days of the week, months of the year and seasons.

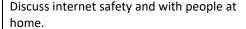
Add important dates and events to your family calendar.

Revise number bonds to 20.

Go on a number hunt locally and record the numbers you find. Practise writing these, putting them in order and discussing their value e.g., how many hundreds, tens and units?

Play a maths game on Top Marks or Sumdog.

Technologies



Practise your keyboard skills on BBC Dancemat.

Use the internet to research places in Scotland where the Vikings invaded / settled.

Research famous Vikings such as Eric Bloodaxe or Ivar the Boneless.



Science



Make a model of a Viking longboat that can float in the bath/ a basin.

Research the Northern Lights.

Create an experiment for finding out the best conditions for handwashing e.g. with/ without soap, hot/ cold water. Make and test your predictions.

Expressive Arts



Design a piece of Viking jewellery.

Make your own Viking runes and write a message.

Make a Viking longhouse model or picture.

Compose your own Viking chant to sing on the longboat.



