



Language & Literacy  Spelling- We will be using our knowledge of phonics to blend sounds (phonemes) together into words. Applying strategies to help us spell tricky/ common words - investigating which words can be sounded out and those that cannot. Reading –we will be reading fiction and non-fiction texts aloud with increasing fluency and expression. Engaging in peer reading and asking questions about the text. Our class novel for this term is <i>‘Harry and his bucket full of dinosaurs’</i>. Writing- Through our Talk for Writing programme, we will be working on a variety of texts including ‘How to play snakes and ladders’ practising our instruction writing and ‘Why animals might be scary?’ for explanatory writing.	Social Studies  Our topic this term is Dinosaurs We will focus on- - Using historical evidence and the experience of recreating an historical setting. - What a dinosaur is- names, characteristics, identifying herbivores/ omnivores and carnivores. - Exploring places, investigating artefacts, and locating them in time. Sustainability We will be discussing the connection between food and the environment and considering which types of food we could grow ourselves at school or at home.	Health & Wellbeing  Focus-Nurturing and Achieving In PE, we will develop our skills in striking and fielding and have a go at orienteering. In HWB, we will be building our food preparation and cooking skills, as well as exploring how physical activity can be a fun and healthy part of our everyday lives. In Mindfulness we will continue to develop skills and learn new techniques through practical, oral and written tasks. We will continue to develop our understanding of Children’s Rights as a Rights Respecting School.	Religious & Moral  This term we will look at festivals in world religions, including Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of light. Later in the term, we will investigate the Christmas Story. We will explore Christmas themes through our class novel, <i>“Harry and the Dinosaur Make a Christmas Wish”</i>.
Numeracy & Mathematics  We will further develop our mental agility skills through Number Talks. We will also be developing skills in: - comparing quantities - addition - subtraction - money - time	Technologies  We will gain confidence in using different software, logging on/off correctly and using different keyboard functions. We will develop skills in using- - Glow - Sumdog - iPad applications - Coding We will also be developing skills in simple sewing.	Science  In science we will continue our topic on: ‘My Body’ – Biological Systems- - What makes up the biological system. - Skeleton and organ function - How to keep our body healthy. 5 Senses and how they help us within the environment. - Germs and how to prevent/ reduce harm.	Expressive Arts  - In Art, we will be creating our crafts for our Christmas enterprise. We will also be exploring colour and developing our painting skills. - In Drama, we will be preparing for our Christmas Nativity and developing our performance skills. - In Dance- We will learn some traditional Scottish dances. - In Music, we will be learning our songs for the Nativity and the Coffee and Carols event.



Home Learning Opportunities

Language & Literacy  Revise sounds and words in purple spelling jotters. Read your reading book to an adult every night. Practise spelling common words using some of the active spelling strategies provided. Share stories and non-fiction texts and try to recognise sounds and words. Borrow a book from the library.	Social Studies  Draw your favourite dinosaurs or create a species of your own. Make your own fossils or go digging outside to find some of your own. Research dinosaurs using books or the internet. Expand your knowledge and interest by watching 'Andy's Dinosaur Adventure'.	Health & Wellbeing  Do some indoor and outdoor exercise activities with your family and friends. Take part in activities that help your wellbeing, e.g., playing in fresh air, exploring nature, listening to a story or music, spending time with family.	Religious & Moral  How do people help each other in your family? Are there any groups in Strathaven that offer help to people? Find out what they do. Discuss at home the qualities of a good friend. Do a good deed for someone. Make your own Christmas cards. Talk to a parent or carer about what bullying is and how to prevent it.
Numeracy & Mathematics  Practise number formation. Practise counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. Find different items to practise your adding and subtracting skills. Look at/sort coins at home. Play at 'Shops' – pretend to buy and sell items. Help to pay if you are out shopping with your family.	Technologies  If possible, use a digital device to play some educational games, e.g., topmarks.co.uk or log onto Sumdog. If possible, use doorwayonline.org.uk to practise your letter and number formation. If possible, practise typing your name and spelling words using a keyboard. Discuss ways to keep safe on the internet with someone at home. What are their views? If possible, use a digital camera/tablet to capture photographs. Edit your photograph using the tools available.	Science  If possible, visit the Science Centre and investigate how our body works. Find ways to keep our bodies healthy – What part of your body are you using when you play certain sports? Go on a senses hunt around your house or garden.	Expressive Arts  Make an autumn fireworks collage or painting. Perform your Nativity songs and carols to your family. Practise Scottish dances with family and friends. 