

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 predicting, determining importance, connecting and comparing. - Using our Talk for Writing programme to create a journey story, with a focus on Dialogue. - Developing our listening skills to give and follow instructions. - Working on our grammar skills, focusing nouns, verbs and adjectives. - In French, we will focus on greetings, numbers and colours.	Social Studies  Our topic this term is "Sustainable Strathaven" - Global Goal 11 - Identify green spaces, transport links, litter and recyclable areas within the local community and its impact. - Create a map for new friends to communicate directions and information on Sustainable Strathaven. - Investigate the positive impact Climate action Strathaven has on our community. - Explore the concepts of home, community and how we can live safely and happily together.	Health & Wellbeing  - In PE, we will be developing skills in gymnastics and rebound games. - We will create movement patterns and sequences within gymnastics. - We will develop our understanding of maintaining good hygiene and safety for our wellbeing. - We will be looking into how germs spread and how we can prevent them from spreading. - 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 how we treat each other and how we can help each other, by investigating further into our community. We will explore how our community helps us and ways we can give back to our community. Through philosophical debates, we will be exploring subjects that have an impact on the world around us and sharing our opinions using different debate techniques.
Numeracy & Mathematics  This term, we will further develop our mental agility skills. We will also be developing skills in- - 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 + 4. - 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 In addition, we will use digital technology to consolidate maths and literacy skills.	Science  This term, our topic is Planet Earth, and we 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  In Art, we will be developing our drawing skills 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! Our focus is R & B music where we will listen, appraise and play instruments. Through our Talk for Writing story, we will be introduced to freeze frames and will be encouraged to work together during drama 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  Upcycle a household waste product into a craft. Help your adult recycle within the household. Try and grow your own herbs or vegetables at home. Help your local community by Litter Picking.	Health & Wellbeing  Create a sequence of moves in a gymnastics routine. Make a hygiene poster or picture on how we can keep ourselves safe from germs. Can you think of a good slogan?	Religious & Moral  Find out about the different communities within Strathaven and explore how they help us in different ways. Design a poster to encourage people to be kind to each other. Practice holding a debate with someone in your house. How can you put across what you want to say in a clear and concise way?
Numeracy & Mathematics  Revise number bonds to 20 and beyond. 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 and Sumdog.	Technologies Discuss internet safety and with people at home. Practise your keyboard skills on BBC Dance mat. Use the internet to research places in the Strathaven community 	Science  Walk around your home and identify materials that could be insulators. Discuss why each one helps keep the heat in or out. Experiment – Wrap ice cubes in different materials to see which is the best insulator. Visit the Science Centre.	Expressive Arts  Create a picture of somewhere special to you using different drawing techniques. Use natural resources to design a sustainable piece of artwork. Compose a chant/ song based on the things we can find in Strathaven and the wider community. 