



PUSCPS – LEARNING OVERVIEW

P3 – Term 2 (October - December)

The main focus for learning this term will be:

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Literacy

Writing

Much of our writing will be based on our learning focus of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Children will analyse the author's use of descriptive language and aim to bring this into their own imaginative writing. In addition, children will develop their functional writing skills through recipe writing.

Reading

Children will continue to read in their reading groups, with opportunities to read with their peers and with an adult. We will also be reading and analysing extracts from Harry Potter as a class. In addition to reading in groups, there will be a focus on independent reading for pleasure through the First Minister's Reading Challenge. This challenge is open to every primary school child in Scotland and aims to foster a love of reading from a young age. Children will be given time in class to read and review books that they themselves have chosen (this can include books read at home). We will continue with our weekly library visits to enable children to choose books. Please ensure library books are returned on time.

Listening and Talking

Our focus for listening and talking this term will be on speaking in front of an audience and active listening when in an audience. This will include performing a personal talk to the class and taking part in our class assembly.

Numeracy

This term we will cover:

- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication – x2, x4, x5 and x10 tables
- 2D and 3D shape
- Angle and symmetry

We will continue to have a daily focus on mental maths through Maths Talk. This involves developing and sharing mental strategies to solve a maths problem.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be continuing with the Roots of Empathy (RoE) programme. Themes to be covered through RoE this term are: caring for a baby, emotions and sleep. In addition to RoE, children will learn about food safety and hygiene.

PE

This term children will be doing PE with Miss Cave, our RCCT teacher, and Ms Pender, our PE specialist.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our main focus for Interdisciplinary Learning this term will be Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Although this will have a literacy focus, it will also provide learning opportunities for numeracy, art, drama, music, science and technology.



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Discrete subjects

RME

This term, children will learn about the Muslim celebration of Eid Ul-Adha and the Christian celebration of Christmas and the nativity story.

Technology

Children will learn a range of practical skills in food technology when creating products for our Christmas Fayre.

Opportunities for personal achievement and involvement in the ethos and life of the school

Children will have the opportunity to perform in our P3 class assembly, which will take place on Friday 24th November, and as part of the chorus in the school nativity.

We will also be creating products to sell at the school Christmas Fayre, which will take place on Friday 15th December.

Other information

PE

Our PE times this term will be: Tuesday mornings and Thursday mornings. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (with names on belongings) with them on these days so that they can take part. Jewellery, particularly earrings, should not be worn during PE lessons.

Homework

Spelling homework will be given out on a Monday morning and will be used to practise the spelling pattern that children are focusing on in class. This is due on a Friday.

Children will be given reading homework based on their group reading book. This will consolidate the reading we have covered together in class. It is important that children have the opportunity to read aloud at home and discuss what they have read. Reading homework will be recorded in your child's Reading Record; it would be appreciated if an adult could sign this to confirm that reading homework has been completed.

As part of our listening and talking, children will be preparing and presenting their own personal talks. They will be asked to prepare for their talk as part of their homework this term.