

The main focus for learning this term will be:

The Jacobites

Literacy

Writing

Personal writing: diary entries.

Functional writing: newspaper articles.

Many pieces of writing will link to our topic of the Jacobites.

Reading

Our focus this term will be on developing skills for reading fiction and non-fiction texts. Reading skills will be taught as a whole class in order to develop essential skills that will enable children to become more independent readers. Children will also read novels in reading groups – these books will go home for homework each week.

Listening and Talking

Our focus this term will be on group work. Children will be doing partner and group work across the curriculum, which will require them to listen to others and put their own ideas forward. In addition, children will develop their ability to speak in front of an audience through presenting their research on the Jacobites to the class.

Numeracy

Numeracy: addition and subtraction.

Shape: properties of 2D shapes, drawing circles, measuring their radius and diameter

Time: revision of telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks, converting between 12 and 24 hour times, calculating durations

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

Health and Wellbeing

Children will revisit learning about their rights and how these should be met. This will be used as a basis for creating our Class Charter. We will also focus on emotions and self-regulation. Emotional 'check-in' will continue on a daily basis this year.

We are lucky enough to be participating in the Roots of Empathy program in our class this year! This program teaches children about their own feelings and the feeling of others. We will have weekly visits from a trained Roots of Empathy instructor and, once every three weeks, our Roots of Empathy baby and his parent(s) will visit our class. This program will continue throughout the school year to allow children to see the baby grow and develop. More information on this program has been sent out separately.

PE

Children will be working with Mrs Cullum and our PE specialist, Ms Pender, this term. Children will work on basketball with Mrs Pender and netball with Mrs Cullum.



PUSCPS – LEARNING OVERVIEW

P6 – Term 1 (August-October)

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our focus for Interdisciplinary Learning this term will be the Jacobites. This will encompass social studies, literacy, numeracy, expressive arts and technology, with the following skills being developed:

Social studies: linking and sequencing significant historical events and figures

Literacy: reading for information, making notes, presenting information

Numeracy: understanding time and shape

Art: designing and creating shields

Technology: translating a 2D plan to a 3D structure, Internet safety

We will be taking a class trip to the Water of Leith Visitor Centre as part of our Jacobites focus. On this trip, children will have the chance to build their own Jacobite shelters, follow paths taken by the Jacobites and recreate a Jacobite battle. This trip is due to happen after the October break.

Discrete subjects

RME

Children will learn about Islam in RME with Mrs McConville.

Science

We will be looking at how our respiratory and circulatory systems work along with how to keep our lungs and heart healthy.

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

The introduction of Junior Leadership Teams will give pupils opportunities to contribute to the life and ethos of the school. They will also have regular meetings with other pupils from across the school to put their thoughts and ideas forward in our Pumphie Pals sessions.

Primary 6 are responsible for contributing to the running of the school through blue bag duty (recycling), playground box duty, lunch trolley duty and assisting younger pupils from nursery to P2.

Other information

PE

Our PE times this term will be: Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with them on these days so that they can take part. Please note that we may be going outside for PE this term so children should have suitable outdoor clothing for PE.

Homework

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

Maths homework will be given out on a Tuesday and will be used to consolidate what we have covered in class. This will often consist of a worksheet or a few questions to be answered in the homework jotter. Children may also be asked to practise a mental maths strategy or times table at home. Regular practice will help improve their speed and accuracy with times tables, which will help them in all areas of maths. This is due the following Tuesday.

Novels will be sent home as 'home readers'. Please ensure that your child is keeping up with their reading homework. Discussing what they have read with someone at home will help to develop their comprehension and summarising skills.