

Literacy

Reading

We are currently reading 'The Sheep-Pig' by Dick King Smith as a whole class, to develop our six reading strategies that we will use throughout the year. We will then move onto group novels where pupils will apply these skills and strategies when investigating their group texts.

In addition, pupils will also read a book of their own choice from our class library for enjoyment, or will work on individualised literacy programmes including *Reading Wise*.

Grammar

We will be working on our technical skills developing our sentence construction and writing fluency. This will focus initially on developing a joined handwriting script and using punctuation, especially full stops, exclamation and punctuation marks and commas.

Writing

We will initially link our extended writing with our class novel writing descriptively, and later in the term, our recount writing will link with our Scottish historical topic.

Spelling

We will continue to develop our phonological word families and spelling strategies which are used with High Frequency Words. Some pupils will also use *Nessy*. Word lists can be practised at home.

P5M Curriculum Overview

August - October 2021

The History of Scotland, Fighting for Freedom

The topic starts with discussing what freedom means and continues with the Wars of Independence, the Jacobite risings and will end looking into what Scottish Independence means today.

Biodiversity - Plants

We will learn to categorise plants, understand food chains and find out how we can use plants.

Numeracy & Maths

Addition and subtraction

We will focus on developing both mental and written methods to add and subtract. We will continue to use concrete materials and will extend our use of pictorial drawings to aid understanding. We will further develop our numerical thinking through *Number Talks* sessions.

Maths - Time

We will read and write the time on analogue and digital displays using the 12 hour clock and will use these to solve problems.

Maths Week Scotland - 28 Sept. - 04 Oct.

We are planning a week of fun, calculating and solving problems.

Health & Wellbeing

PE

This term we will be learning and participating in invasion games. These are team games, which are played on the same pitch/court and with an aim of scoring points or goals. We will be looking to refine the physical techniques involved in each game, and enhance our understanding of the tactics involved to be successful. We are really emphasising on developing our personal qualities when competing; by playing fairly, respecting opponents, and what it means to be a good teammate.

Health and Wellbeing

This term our focus will be on how to *Be Resilient*. We will build on our toolkit of strategies with 'Skipper's' help to deal with life's ups and downs. Children will be encouraged to identify challenges and setbacks in their lives and to develop a 'toolkit' of strategies that they can apply in their lives to help them overcome their difficulties.

Edenside Learners

We will re-familiarise ourselves with our learning heroes and then focus on Percy Perseverance. We will review our work and will look at how we have individually applied the skill.

Homework Reminders

Core

Reading: Reading homework will be set when we read group novels. All children have *Reading Wise* accounts, which will provide them with pitched activities to assist with decoding and comprehension. We would encourage the use and discussion of this at home.

Spelling: Children will photograph their spelling lists and strategies on their iPads. They should take time regularly to practise spelling these words. Suggested tasks will be shared on Teams.

Numeracy: All children will have *Mathletics* accounts to practise their numeracy and maths at home. They may be assigned activities to complete or they can play *Live Mathletics* to earn points. Children should aim to earn 1000 points a week and as their points build up, will work towards earning certificates.

Maths: Practise telling the time in analogue, and linking digital and analogue displays.

Other suggestions

History: There are many sites of historic interest close to Kelso with links to the Wars of Independence. Find out about the roles Roxburgh Castle, Norham Castle and Berwick had in the shaping of our history.

Science: Go on a plant hunt, taking and annotating photos: Talk about how the plants you find and how they disperse their seeds.

French: Practise simple greetings and counting from 1 - 20 and simple calculations.

Talk to us!

You know your child best, please let us know about anything that will help us work with your family and child in the best way possible.

Is there something at school that your child finds difficult? Did you have a very busy weekend? Is there a family event coming up that you think will affect your child? Are you, or is your child worried about something?

You can write us a note, call the office and you can also email the school office which will then be sent forward to one of us.

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Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/scottishhistory/>

<https://mathsbot.com/manipulativeMenu> - Use online versions of Numicon, Cuisinaire rods, Dienes Blocks etc. Explore other manipulatives.

<https://www.borrowbox.com/> - Borrow audio and ebooks for free from the library

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/writingRepeater/> - Practise your joined handwriting on your ipad