

## Literacy

### Reading

We are currently focusing on developing a reading culture in class and have daily opportunities for reading for enjoyment as well as for developing our reading skills, including decoding and/or building vocabulary. We will continue to develop our comprehension skills using group texts, embedding our six reading strategies. We are looking forward to *Scottish Book Week* which is from 15 - 21 November.

### Writing

We start with a focus on fictional writing, developing our narrative writing skills by focussing on effective openings, endings and through storytelling, planning, telling and writing a whole story. We will then focus on non-fiction, writing reports using our learning about climate change to inform our writing.

### Grammar

This term we will focus on using interesting words and phrases within our writing; improving our choice of nouns, adjectives and adverbs; ways to open sentences; and ways to connect and extend sentences.

### Spelling

We will continue to develop our phonological knowledge focussing on word families, and our spelling strategies for High Frequency Words. Some pupils will also use 'Nessy'. Word lists should be practised at home.

## P5M

### Curriculum Overview

October - December 2021

This term we will use the **UN Climate Change Conference - COP26** as a stimulus for looking at climate change. We will look at ways we can live more responsibly. We will look at issues around different modes of transport, look at ways we can live more environmentally responsibly and the issues surrounding this. We will also look at the issues surrounding food production. We hope our pupils discuss these topics at home.

## MAD

In this term we will have three week blocks of Music, Drama and Art.

### **Music**

We will learn to sing well known songs, focussing on pitch and timing, from a variety of genres including classics from ABBA, musicals and traditional Scottish songs.

### **Drama**

We will explore the nature of the River Tweed, how people have historically interacted with the river and how we might interact with the river in the future, taking the role as news reporters.

### **Art**

We will explore 3D form using clay and recycled materials, learning about scale, modelling techniques and ways to apply a finish.

## Numeracy & Maths

### Multiplication and Division

We will develop our understanding of multiplication and division using our CPAL approach, 'making it' using materials to group and equally split collections of counters etc, through 'drawing' visual representations including arrays, and 'solving it' in written form. In worded problems we will focus on recognising key vocabulary. Many skill building activities will use our i-pads so it is important that these come into school everyday.

### Data Handling and Shape

We will be applying our thinking skills constructing, completing, comparing and interpreting our data using Pictograms, Tally marks and Venn and Carroll diagrams. We will extend our knowledge of shape, naming and identifying shapes from their properties, identifying the similarities and difference between like shapes.

## Health & Wellbeing

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In this block we will learn about our bodies (both boys and girls). We will learn the names the parts of our bodies; look at how our bodies will start to change, how changes with puberty impact on feelings and behaviour and understand the importance of personal hygiene. We will also learn about friendship, thinking about what a friend is and friendship off and online.

## Homework

### Core

Reading: We encourage all children to read regularly at home to develop as a reader and we would encourage discussion at home. In addition, everyone has a Reading Wise account which will help children build their skills in reading fluently (using the decoding or zip modules) or by vocabulary building (using the vocabulary module). Other reading homework will be set as part of text work undertaken in class and may be in preparation for a reading lesson or as fluency practise.

Spelling: Children will photograph their High Frequency Word spelling lists and learning strategies on their iPads. They should take time regularly to practise spelling these words. Pupils can also use 'Nessy'.

Numeracy: All children now have Mathletics accounts to practise their numeracy and maths at home. All activities undertaken earn the children points and children should aim to earn 1000 points a week, (Friday to Friday) allowing them to work towards bronze, silver and gold certificates over the course of P5. The points will be earned by completing the tasks set and then by playing *Live Mathletics* against others to practise recall and number fluency. We will also participate in regional *Sumdog* Competitions.

### Other suggestions

Maths: Look out for the different ways data is organised on food packing and discuss what it tells us. Continue to practise telling the time, especially in analogue, and calculate time durations.

COP 26: Follow the events of the COP 26 conference by watching BBC Newround and reading the news articles and discussing the issues at home.

French: Practise simple conversations with family and friends, by introducing yourself and using greetings, by writing the date for significant dates in the calendar, and by practising number recall.

## 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/newsround> - Listen to or reader in reader view, to keep up to date with the news.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesite>

<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.scottishbooktrust.com/authors-live-on-demand> Watch different authors talk about their books.