

Primary 4 Curriculum Overview February - April 2021

Context for Learning- Fairtrade/Plants and Animals

<p>Social Studies and Sciences</p> 	<p><u>Fairtrade Fortnight</u>-For the next two weeks we will be exploring the world of Fairtrade. We will be learning about what Fairtrade is, its impact around the world and on members of the farming community. We will also be looking at the importance of ethical trading and why it is important to consider the journey our food takes from farm to fork.</p> <p>We will be exploring links with literacy and looking at labelling and advertising. We will finish the context by reflecting on what skills and knowledge we have gained by learning about this aspect of trade.</p> <p><u>Plants and Animals</u> - In March and April P4 will be focussed on a new context for learning on Plants and Animals. We'll learn how to distinguish between living and non-living things and sort these into groups. We will also investigate examples of food chains and learn how animals and plants depend on each other for food. Furthermore, we'll compare the characteristics of animals and learn how to categorise them. Part of this topic will also involve some personal research.</p>
<p>Language</p> 	<p>Each week we will set core literacy activities and some that relate to our contexts for learning. This may be persuasive or functional writing, reading comprehension passages, grammar or listening tasks. Furthermore, you will be asked to do some research during this term on an animal of your choice and create a fact-file using your iPad Book Creator app. You will be given specific criteria to guide your research and notetaking.</p> <p>You will be provided with a choice of spelling lists each week, via Seesaw, and asked to choose a spelling activity to help you learn those words. You may also choose to use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check, method and write your words in your home learning jotter. The common words lists provided in your home learning pack can continue to be used alongside the spelling activity grids issued each week. As well as this, you will continue to be asked to create sentences each week, using your spelling words, and send these to your teacher on Seesaw using the notes function or as a photo of your jotter page.</p> <p>Reading of your choice should continue to be done regularly and you should access the Accelerated Reading site and take quizzes at the end of your chosen book. You still have access to the e-library too and can borrow books to download onto your iPad. If you need help to access this resource, please get in touch.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>During this term we will continue to focus on multiplication and division skills. We will provide three core numeracy lessons each week with a progression through the times tables, to promote learning and recall of facts, a variety of strategies for multiplication and division sums, as well as word problems for applying knowledge. We will continue to provide iPad links to online games to increase speed and accuracy of recall of times table facts. You can also continue to access Times Table Rock Stars too. Please let us know if you need a reminder of log in details.</p> <p>This block we will also be learning about Information handling. We will look at creating graphs, tables and charts to display information clearly and accurately. You will be asked to collect information and use your iPad and/or home learning jotter to present and interpret your data. We will send you links to online lessons each week.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts</p> 	<p>During this block we will aim to develop our observational skills to create some still life art. Depending on what you have available at home, this may be drawing, painting or even collage work. We'll look at some famous artists and their still life works to inspire our own creations. For example, Cezanne, Van Gogh and Caravaggio. Our still life pictures may include household objects, fruit/food and plants.</p> <p>As part of our focus on Easter, we'll look again at some familiar Easter songs and provide opportunities to sing at home along with your teacher. If you have any suggestions, you can let us know.</p>

<p>Technology</p> 	<p>You will need to use your iPad at home to access the learning activities we set for each curricular area. Throughout this block we'll direct you to access specific websites and video links to help with all tasks. You'll need to use this technology to create photos, videos, audio clips and share your learning tasks. Remember to check our announcements where we will share TV schedules too for BBC Bitesize schools programming. You can also look at the BBC Scotland channel, for interesting schools programmes and the BBC bitesize website. Further to this, keep watching Newsround to keep up to date with news around the world.</p> <p>If you have any technical issues with your iPad, remember to contact the school office or Inspire Learning: inspirelearning@scotborders.gov.uk</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> 	<p>Ideas to support fitness will be shared each week and this will start with a challenge from Mrs Royan.</p> <p>Furthermore, Joe Wicks continues to provide a great workout at 9.30am every Mon, Wed and Fri morning via a You Tube live stream which is highly recommended, though you can do this at any time of the day, of course.</p> <p><u>HWB</u>- In the early part of the term, we'll continue our focus on Emotions Works materials, learning about the various coloured cogs and the emotions and feelings associated with these. As well as this, we aim to begin weekly class meetings using Teams, where we'll all be able to connect with each other and have a class discussion. More information to follow about how and when we will try this.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Learning</u> - We have been so impressed with the variety of outdoor learning work you shared with us last term, there were lots of skills to practice and fun to be had. This term we are going to continue to send some outdoor learning tasks each week. Some will be repeats of the most popular and engaging tasks from last term and some will be brand new activities to learn new skills and think about the changing seasons. Make the most of the improving light and (hopefully) improving weather and we can't wait to see what you get up to.</p>
<p>Modern Foreign Languages</p> 	<p>We will aim to maintain our German skills with a weekly task to reinforce prior learning and introduce new vocabulary. There will continue to be some clips and suggested activities to look at via the new BBC bitesize website. These will be linked on our Seesaw class page.</p>
<p>Religious and Moral Education</p>	<p>During the term, we will focus on Easter in the weeks leading up to it. We will hear and learn about the Easter story and why it is important to many Christians around the world.</p> <p>Each week, you will see an online assembly from Mrs McQueen, celebrating our successes and sharing new Star Pupil awards. Furthermore, our house captains will announce which house has the largest points total for the week. We'll continue to award points during the week for excellent work and effort.</p> <p>Every Friday, we will continue to see Mr Orr and Mr Taylor's house point quiz. This will continue to be an opportunity to sum up learning from the weekly tasks and provide a light-hearted end to each home school week.</p>

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

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