



Literacy

Writing

We will be undertaking descriptive writing this term. We'll look at how to structure written pieces and how to enhance descriptions using interesting adjectives. We'll use our new class novel and class voyage as inspiration for a variety of writing. We'll also undertake information writing relating to the class Voyage of Discovery (see below).

Reading

We'll focus on key reading skills of skimming and scanning texts to answer different kinds of questions and during research. Reading books will be explored within class and brought home as homework. Children will also have time to read texts and take Accelerated Reader quizzes on completed books. Furthermore, the use of the school e-library will be encouraged via the iPad and the class will regularly visit the school library too.

Listening and Talking

Children will be working on their collaborative group skills during this term in a number of tasks linked to their class voyage and focus on our school values and UNCRC.

Voyage of Discovery

During the first term the whole school will be looking at the question:

How have Earth's natural process shaped our landscape and how do natural disasters occur?

We'll investigate the Scottish landscape with a focus on how Scotland's volcanoes and glaciers formed features millions of years ago. We will locate the extinct volcanoes in Scotland, in particular, looking at Edinburgh and learn more about the structure of a volcano. We'll also investigate where active ones are around the world and find out about recent natural disasters involving them. The class will learn about the structure of the Earth's layers and have the opportunity to research other natural disasters. We'll also look at resilience planning and ask how places prone to natural disasters prepare and plan for them in their daily lives.

Numeracy & Mathematics

This term we'll be covering aspects of Place Value in numeracy lessons. This will include counting, ordering, sequencing, estimation and rounding.

In Mathematics we'll investigate Information Handling and look at different ways to collect and present data, and how to read charts and graphs. This will link to our class Voyage of Discovery too.

We'll be regularly assigning numeracy games links within the class numeracy folder in Showbie to consolidate class lessons and retrieval. Children will also use Magma maths tasks and TT Rockstars to consolidate learning, revise and maintain their knowledge and speed of facts.

Curriculum Overview

Class: P4/5 Mr Taylor

Block: 1 2 3 4

Homework

Children will be given a spelling rule and common words on a Monday. Spelling homework should be completed and returned on a Friday.

Reading will be sent home on a Monday or Tuesday to be completed for Friday. Please sign homework diary each week. Please support your child with reading at home, through their group homework book and Accelerated Reading text. If your child uses the IDL website to support their learning in class, they may also access these activities at home, if they wish.

Children can make use of Magma maths, TT Rockstars, Numbots and other numeracy games links via their iPad, if they have time at home. Links will be provided to them via Showbie throughout the term. This will be optional, however, based on the screen time set at home. Ipad's are provided to enhance learning and should be brought to school with at least 50% charge daily.

Health & Wellbeing

We will develop our Class Charters linked to UNCRC and exploring our rights and how these would look in our class and wider school environment. Whole school assemblies will link into this area too.

We'll focus this term on establishing class and playground routines and friendships, relationships and resilience. We'll revisit previous work on feelings and Zones of Regulation.

PE

In P.E. the children will be working on:

- Improving their knowledge of various invasion games and tactics used within these.
- Developing their skills in rugby and football, and applying these skills to game situations.
- They will also focus on their ability to work as part of a team, by co-operating well with others and giving positive effort.
- This block will culminate in the Eyemouth Cluster Rugby Festival (P5 pupils only).

Showbie

You will find more information about some of our learning on our Showbie App. Please make sure you are signed up and have access to your child's account and our class group. This will be updated with class information and reminders on a regular basis, as well as photos of class work. Throughout the term some pieces of class work will be uploaded to your child's ongoing portfolio.

P4/5 Showbie Parent Group Code:

E7HEUE

<https://communities.showbie.com/E7HEUE>