



Wrap up warm, and stay safe when you're out and about!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



Literacy and English

We will continue to work in Literacy Circles and use different reading strategies to build understanding of the texts we are reading.

We will use Autumn as a stimulus for poems and imaginative writing. As part of our topic, we will create information texts and design persuasive posters.

To develop our oracy skills, we will prepare a speech or short play to deliver to other classes about the importance of saving energy.

We will continue to practice spelling words on a weekly basis and are focusing on adjectives, verbs and nouns in grammar.

Numeracy and mathematics

This term we will focus on the 3, 6 and 9 multiplication tables, and look for patterns between the them. We will also be using partitioning to help solve addition and subtraction calculations.

We will be continuing to learn about data handling, and develop our knowledge of shape and symmetry.

Expressive arts

We will use Autumn, Bonfire Night and Christmas as a stimulus for art activities, using a range of media.

We will use Charanga to explore different pieces of music.

Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus will building ball skills in netball and hockey.

Please remember to provide a PE kit which can be left in class. PE days this term are Monday and Thursday.

We will also be focusing on developing a Growth Mindset.

Religious and moral education

Pupils will be learning about Christmas traditions around the world and the Christmas story.

Assemblies held by our DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

Science

We will be doing a *Planet Earth* topic based on Energy and Sustainability. We will learn about the difference between renewable and non-renewable sources of energy and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Social subjects

As part of our topic, we will discuss how we can become more energy efficient at school and at home. We will also discuss the effects of this on the world.

Technologies

This term we will use ICT to create graphs as part of our maths focus.

We will also use the SumDog website to develop maths, and the school's new iPads to practice numeracy and literacy skills.



Dates for your diary:

23rd November: Winter Fair

12th and 14th December: Nativity performances

20th December: Christmas parties

20th Dec: School closes at 14:30

Thu 21st Dec – Wed 3rd Jan: Holiday

4th Jan: Start of Term 3