

Dunard Primary School

Primary 5/4 Newsletter

Term Three

January – March 2018

Spring into springtime!

Wishing you and your family every joy and happiness for the year ahead.



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 be implementing the *Super Six* reading strategies to enhance our reading skills. We will use Literacy World texts and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl as our reading resources in class. We will be reading extracts of Robert Burns' biography as well.

Our writing this term will be procedural and linked to our science experiments.

This term we will be learning to recite and perform songs and poems by Robert Burns.

We will be consolidating repeated spelling patterns and strategies, and focusing on the understanding and use of verbs and adverbs.

Numeracy and mathematics

We will be consolidating and reinforcing times table facts, linking these with division and fractions. We will continue to practise the four operations (+, -, x, ÷) in different equations.

Financial Fortnight is celebrated this term, and lessons will focus on First and Second Level aspects of Money.

Expressive arts

Art and design: We will be focusing on using paint, mixing colours to create camouflage backgrounds. We will also be looking at the use of line and tone to create backgrounds.

Dance: We will be learning a variety of Scottish Country dances.

Drama: We will be working on our presentation and performance skills throughout study of the poetry of Robert Burns.

Music: This term we will be appraising and performing a selection of traditional and cultural Scottish folk music. We shall also be learning about the history of Scottish music.

Health and wellbeing

This term we will focus on conflict resolution strategies and managing emotions. The class will also be learning about relationships and human development as part of SHRE.

In PE, we will be continuing swimming lessons and learning Scottish Country Dancing.

Please note: As per Glasgow City Council policy, football strips, from **any** team, must not be worn at school. The wearing of jewellery should also be avoided on PE days.

Religious and moral education

We will be focusing on Buddhism, Chinese New Year, and aspects of Sikhism.

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

Science

This term we will be investigating animals and their food chains as part of a *Planet Earth* mini-topic. To link with our work in art we will also investigate how animals have evolved to use camouflage as a survival strategy.

Social subjects

We will be investigating *The Romans* this term, studying their culture and civilization.

Technologies

The children will be using ICT to research information about the Romans. Using this information the children will be creating a presentation.

The children will continue to receive their half-hour slot in the ICT suite to complete challenges on *Sumdog* to improve their mathematical knowledge and understanding.

As part of our Robert Burns topic we shall sample a variety of Scottish delicacies.



Dates for your diary:

w/b 22 nd Jan	Financial Education Week
25 th Jan	Scottish Poetry Competition
12 th /13 th Feb	Midterm break
14 th Feb	In-service Day

1 st Mar	World Book Day
15 th /20 th Mar	Parents' Evening
29 th Mar	Close at 14:30 (<i>spring break</i>)
16 th Apr	Start of Term 4