



Primary 3S

Termly Overview – Term 3 – 2025/26

Literacy and English

This term, our writing exploration will take us into the sphere of Scots poetry, explanation, and persuasive writing.

- In **Scots Poetry** pupils will learn to appreciate Scottish culture while developing language and analytical skills through reading, writing, and performing Scots poetry.
- In **explanation writing** pupils will learn to clearly explain ideas by organising information, using precise language, and helping readers understand how or why something happens.
- In **persuasive writing** pupils will learn to express opinions, use convincing reasons and evidence, and communicate effectively to influence others.

Our reading and spelling journey continues with the *Read, Write, Inc* and *Active Literacy* programmes.

We will be reading 'Millions – the Not-So-Great Train Robbery' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

Numeracy and Mathematics

This term, our maths learning will focus on meaningful, everyday links and plenty of challenges!

- We'll continue developing confidence in **addition and subtraction**, using a range of strategies to solve number problems.
- Pupils will build their understanding of **multiplication and division**, exploring equal groups, arrays and early times-table patterns.
- Through **data analysis**, learners will gather information, create simple tables and graphs, and interpret what the data tells us.
- In **measure**, we'll explore length, weight and capacity, comparing and estimating using real objects and everyday contexts.

Across the term, we'll link maths to our wider learning- from gathering information about extreme weather patterns, exploring charts, rainfall data and temperature changes.

Interdisciplinary Learning & Other

Scottish Studies and Scots Verse

In January, we will be learning about Scottish mythical creatures as part of our Scottish Studies topic. The children will enjoy discovering fun and fascinating creatures from Scottish stories, such as the Loch Ness Monster, kelpies, and selkies. Through stories, games, and creative activities, we will use our imaginations while learning more about Scotland and its legends.

Extreme Weather

Later in the term we'll explore our topic of **Extreme Weather**, learning how storms, floods, droughts and heatwaves form and affect our world. In Science, we'll investigate the temperature, water movement and energy that drive weather systems, with hands-on experiments to observe wind, rainfall and temperature and how these forces shape our environment and communities.

Inspired by the **UN Global Goal: Climate Action**, pupils will create persuasive and explanation writing on how we can all reduce our impact on the planet, stay safe during extreme weather, and make responsible choices that protect our environment.

In **RME**, we'll be learning about Chinese New Year and Ramadan, exploring their key traditions and the values they celebrate.

Health and Wellbeing

P3S P.E days:

Tuesday – Mr Haldane – This term's PE focus with Mr Haldane is gymnastics. We will develop strength, balance, coordination, confidence, and teamwork while learning to follow instructions and persevere through challenges.

Wednesday – Miss Stewart - This term's PE focus is **racket sports**, where pupils will develop coordination, control and teamwork while having fun learning new skills.

Through **Emotion Works**, we'll continue exploring how feelings influence our actions and relationships, helping pupils recognise and manage their emotions effectively.

Our learning will focus on **Similarity, Diversity, and Respect** — understanding how we are alike and different, appreciating and valuing diversity, and showing respect for ourselves and others at school, at home, in the community, and online.

Communication & Home Learning

We'll keep sharing class news, learning highlights, and celebrations on Seesaw — your likes and comments mean a lot to the children! Home stories, creative projects, or achievements are also welcome.

Optional home learning tasks are posted regularly; let us know if you have any trouble accessing them. For absences, please contact the office directly.

Feel free to reach out anytime with questions or updates. Thank you for your ongoing support this term!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 30th January – Scots Verse (selected speakers)
w/c Mon 9th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week
Fri 13th & Mon 16th Feb – HOLIDAY
Tues 17th Feb – Staff Development Day – School closed to pupils
Tues 3rd and Thurs 5th March – Parents' Evenings
Thurs 5th March – World Book Day
Weds 11th March – Young Carers Action Day
Fri 3rd April – Fri 17th April - HOLIDAY