

People in society, Economy and Business

Children are taught about how societies function as well

Children are taught about their rights and how to respect the rights of others. They learn about the difference between needs and wants.

Showing consideration for others explaining reasons for actions. As they move through the school they will learn the effects discrimination can have on people and societies.

Communities and how the needs of others can be met/supported.

Current social, economic or political issues.

Diversity of cultures and values in our society.

Decision making, democracy and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in Scotland

Some examples of topics (some of which are whole school initiatives) which may be covered in this area may be:

Charities

Scottish Parliament

Global Citizenship

Rights Respecting Schools

For more information about social studies please visit:

<https://education.gov.scot/Documents/social-studies-eo.pdf>

Torphichen Primary School



Social Studies

Information for Parents/Carers



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Why teach Social Studies?

Children will have the opportunities to learn about Social Studies in a variety of contexts. These can take the form of an interdisciplinary project or topic which spans across various areas of the curriculum.

Throughout Social Studies activities, children will:

- develop their understanding of the history, heritage and culture of Scotland, and their place in the world
- broaden their understanding of the world by learning about people in the past and present
- deepen their understanding of their own values, beliefs and cultures and those of others
- learn about citizenship and democracy and have opportunities to share their thinking and opinions
- explore and link people and events in time and place
- consider different forms of evidence and sources of evidence
- develop an understanding of concepts that stimulate enterprise and influence business



What will my child experience?

The 3 areas Social Studies covers are:

- People, past events and societies
- People, place and environment
- People in society, economy and business

People, Past Events and Societies

In this area children will learn about:

Types of evidence and sources of information and as they move through the school they will learn about trustworthy sources

Similarities and differences between their own lives and the lives of those in the past

The importance of significant historical events or figures and how they have influenced life today

Some examples of the topics your child may learn about in school in this area are:

Toys - Childhood History
Romans
Scottish Heritage
Mary Queen of Scots



People, Place and Environment

This area includes topics such as:

Nature and how to care for the environment.

Natural disasters and the effects these have on the world

Landscape of their local area and beyond and how landscapes are formed

International Education - Countries around the world including physical and cultural aspects. The children will have opportunities to look at maps/atlases.

Travel and transport

Communities and facilities including different types of housing etc.

Weather and climate and changes in seasons including the effect this has on living things.

