



Our Journey of Learning in Primary 3/4 January 2022



Getting ready for another busy term packed with agile learning and fun!

- **Welcome everyone** - we've had a good start back are all ready getting stuck in to lots of creative and exciting learning!
- **Continued focus on agile learning** - highly skilled, creative and independent learners.

- **Core learning** - Health and Wellbeing, Literacy, Numeracy and Independent project based learning.
- **Other key curriculum areas** such as the Expressive Arts, Social Subjects, Science, Technology and RME.



Health and Wellbeing



- **Health and Wellbeing** at the heart of Torphichen Primary - safe, happy, relaxed and supported to learn.
- **Daily** emotional check ins, mindfulness, choice of learning spaces, breakout zones.
- **Explicit teaching** of emotional literacy, social skills, physical wellbeing, planning for choices and change and relationships.

Key themes:

- Healthy Me - Friendships, staying safe online, healthy eating, smoking, alcohol, medicines, drugs and other substances,
- Relationships - Celebrating my relationships with people and animals, coping with conflict, love and loss
- Changing me - Unique me, puberty, diversity and inclusion, how human life begins, pregnancy and birth

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Literacy



Reading

- Reading books issued weekly
- Class novel voted for by the children
- Whole class focus on Scottish myths and legends
- Scottish poetry focus
- Reading for enjoyment in class time - range of genres and resources to choose
- Dictionary and Thesaurus skills

- Comprehension - focus on VIPER Skills (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, **Explanation and Summarising**)

Writing

- Talk and planning for writing
- Plays/script writing - P3-7 show
- Poetry
- Opportunities for choice and using ICT for writing
- Free writing Friday and Author's Chair

Tools for Writing

- Handwriting and presentation - encouraging cursive
- Spelling strategies and daily spelling practise
- Grammar

Listening and Talking

- Twice weekly coaching sessions
- Whole class and group discussions across the curriculum
- French
- Regular 'Author's Chair' opportunities



Numeracy and Maths



- **CPAL** - concrete, pictorial, abstract and language.
- **Number Talks** - mental maths, deeper thinking, sharing strategies and build confidence and fluency.

The key concepts we will be focussing on over the next two terms will be:

- Multiplication and division - including formal written strategies
- Data handling - also putting this to practical use through presenting findings of individual projects
- 2D and 3D shape
- Fractions
- Money
- Time
- Patterns and relationships
- Expressions and equations
- Problem solving - lots of practical 'real life' situations and scenarios



Independent and Project-based Learning



- **Skills framework** - Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, Self Directed Learning, Creativity and Personal & Social Skills
- **Core skills embedded** in planning and implementing our independent learning projects.
- **Independent timetables** - flexibility, collaboration, time management.
- **Independent project based learning** - collaborate or work independently on a project of choice.
- **Planning initial learning goals, outcomes and focus skills** - break projects into manageable steps to achieve project objectives.
- **Weekly coaching sessions** with Mrs Lee, Mrs Johnston and Ms Ferguson.
- **Project poster presentation** - share their learning with others.
- **Some amazing examples of projects!**



Additional Information



- **ICT to support learning** - Teams, Seesaw, Bug Club, Get Epic, Sumdog and Languagenut to name a few!
- **Offerings** - 2 weekly offerings to share skills and talents.
- **P3-7 Show** - collaboration with P5/6 and P7.
- **PE Days** - Monday and Tuesday afternoons so please ensure your child comes to school dressed in comfortable clothing and trainers on these days. Badminton skills, Scottish Country Dancing, Club Golf and Athletics.
- **Beginner's football** - with Ms Anderson on a Wednesday.

Thank you so much for your time!



- **Thank you for your time this evening** - it is a joy to teach your children!
- **Any comments/questions**
- **Please keep in touch!**

Thank you!

Mrs Lee

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