

**Literacy:**

Active Literacy Programme

**Reading** programme with on-going focus on independent work, paired reading, group tasks and Teacher Guided Reading. Sessions 1 – 4

1-Before/During Reading 2-Teacher Focus, 3-Knowledge about Language and Follow-up tasks. 4 – Support for reading for enjoyment and choice including extension and challenge tasks. Comprehension and Reading for Information continue to be linked to Outdoor Learning and Science topics during science and across 4 core reading sessions.

Key skills: Word Attack to de-code words – sounds at beginning, end, middle of words, shape of words, “chunking”, re-telling facts and information in our own words – paraphrasing, linking story/facts with our own lives and the wider world.

**Writing** – Personal Writing - Personal diaries – continue to report on personal and local events and describing our feelings. Functional Writing – Persuasive Texts – e.g. posters and adverts, science reports and fact files. Writer’s Craft – Descriptive Writing expand and develop devices used by writers using BBC 500 Words Writing Challenge in February to increase our experience and skill in imaginative writing.

Scots Language and poetry.

**Grammar** - Continue to develop more variety and more advanced sentence starters and connectives – continue to increase our vocabulary and use of descriptive words – adjectives e.g. hot, small – adverbs – quickly, slowly and other writing devices such as simile and metaphor – fast as lightening, emerald green. Tenses – past, present and future.

Handwriting – extend and work on more complex joins, consistency and size.

**Spelling** - Spelling made easy, Common Words, Personal Spelling Challenge & active spelling games e.g. Spelling Tennis, muddled words etc.

**Listening and Talking** – Class and team planning – mind maps, place mats and lists. Team reporters, individual news reports, PowerPoint presentations, reading buddies and P4 continue to develop film and presentation skills using Outdoor Learning e.g. present Aberfeldy Springwatch– a chance to film nature and present what we are learning about the Birks of Aberfeldy and the natural world.

**Numeracy:**

**Mental Maths** – Time – reading analogue and digital time- focus on quarter to and quarter past, converting digital to analogue time and vice versa, calculating time intervals, reading timetables and solving time word problems. Fractions – recognising a quarter and a half of shapes and amounts. Times Tables extending from 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 to include 6, 7 and 8 (for some children). Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – mental problems.

**Interactive Maths** – Times Table Challenge – all tables to 10 – count in 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, Number Challenge – doubling and halving numbers, time problems, multiplies of 5 and 10.....5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 70, 80, 90, 100, 110 etc.

**Maths Topics** this term are: Using processes of Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division to solve word problems (real life problems). Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, Time, Data Handling (statistics, tables and graphs).

<p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing:</b></p> <p>Class Charter – continue to develop and build on our Class Charter and Golden Rules promoting mutual respect and responsibility.</p> <p>Co-operative Learning – social skills of kindness, sharing, active listening and encouraging and supporting ourselves and others. Taking on a team role to help our own learning and the learning of others.</p> <p>Caring Tree - Health lessons – mental and emotional health – how to help ourselves to remain happy, resilient and independent. What do we care about and how can we help?</p> <p>Bounce Back – self-esteem and friendship, building confidence, friends, setting personal goals and targets – Learning and Logs.</p> <p>P.E. – dance and personal fitness.</p>	<p><b>Contexts for Learning:</b></p> <p>Space – increasing our knowledge of planet earth, the solar system and beyond. The children will plan the topic and link it with what they already know about space and science and what they want to learn. We hope to expand our knowledge of Earth and the other planets in our solar system and take a look at space technologies and how they affect our lives on Earth, now and in the future.</p> <p>Science – Science Skills and Energy</p> <p>Technology – space travel, vehicles, satellites, construction and development.</p>	
<p><b>Other Events:</b></p> <p><b>BBC 500 Words Lesson Live and 500 Words creative writing challenge</b></p> <p><b>Burns Poetry and Scots Language Workshop – January – February 2018</b></p> <p><b>STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) – regular Monday afternoon science workshops supported by the S6 STEM ambassadors</b></p> <p><b>Open Sessions - parents shared learning opportunities – Fridays 12-01-18, 2-02-18 and 2-03-18</b></p> <p><b>Star Gazing at home and in the community (more information to follow)</b></p>		