

Welcome to Primary 4/5

We have all settling very well to the routines in class and are working hard in every aspect of the curriculum.

Literacy:

Our focus in writing this term has been recounting Fairy Tales from the other side. We have read tales such as "Frankly I'd rather spin myself a new name! The story of Rumplestiltskin as told by Rumpestiltskin" and have been adding our own creative adjectives, openers and more complex punctuation to the author's story.

In reading we are challenging ourselves to read unfamiliar texts, both in fiction and non-fiction and too, to read poetry. Our favourite ones are the funny ones by Brian Patten. We have been answering Higher Order Thinking Skill (HOTS) questions to extend our understanding of the written word and are working hard to join our writing neatly and use the questions to begin our answers.

Numeracy:

In numeracy we revised many of our previous numeracy strategies before challenging ourselves to learn how to read, write, order and sequence numbers to 1000 and beyond for our Primary 4's and numbers up to 1000,000 for many of our primary fives! We have been learning how to partition numbers into their place values, how to add and subtract with the jump strategy and the split method and also using tens boards and counters.

We have been doing problem solving every week with Mrs Glennie and have learned strategies such as work backwards, draw a diagram and make a list.

We have been learning to calculate perimeter in cm's and mm's and area in squared cm and squared mm's. We are beginning to explore weight using Kg's, $\frac{1}{2}$ kg's and $\frac{1}{4}$ kg's and have used balances and scales to estimate then measure weights of classroom objects.

Art

In art we spent 6 weeks focussing on Georgina McMaster an exceptionally talented Scottish painter and we create some masterpieces of our own including bumbles bees on tissue paper poppies and butterflies on thistles. We used paint and pens in our pieces. We have also been experimenting with charcoal which has proved great fun and very messy! We have also been creating pieces of art to represent our need to protect our planet and have discussed our role as protectors of Earth and all it's treasure.

Health and Wellbeing

Our focus this term has been recognising emotions in ourselves and others. How they feel, what they look like and how we can manage our own emotions using techniques such as mindfulness colouring, mindfulness breathing, putting our worries and stresses into a balloon and letting them blow away and also the need to talk to someone you trust if you feel afraid or unsafe. We have explored having a growth mind set instead of a fixed mindset and all agree that in life, our motto should be "I can't do it... yet!"

Topic

Our topic this term is Scotland's Natural Resources and we have been exploring renewable energy sources such as wind turbines and solar panels. We have discussed the impact of our use of fossil fuels on Earth and how we can reduce, re-use, recycling and repair things from our daily lives to reduce our impact on climate change. We also created 3D landscapes to represent Scotland's topography and human impact on our landscape.