

CURRICULAR AND INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

History - Castles - when, where, why and how were they built? What was it like to live in a castle? P3/4 will be researching some famous castles, we'll be looking for evidence about the construction and location of castles when we visit a castle on Islay. In the classroom we want to create a castle role play area, build our own castles and make shields and armour. Mini topics - Burns and the Scots language, Big Schools Bird Watch, Early Level café and gift shop role play.

TIMETABLED ACTIVITIES

PE - Monday pm and Wednesday am
Gaelic with Miss McKellar - Friday pm (P1/7), Monday 11.45 am (Pre-5)
Reading together - P1-7 paired and personal reading and comprehension after lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
ICT with Mrs Baker - Monday pm
Eco schools - Wednesday afternoons
P4 - Active club on Monday,
P4 - Gardening/construction club on Thursdays.

VISITORS AND EVENTS

Open afternoon -

RSPB staff will be visiting to help with our Big Schools Bird watch. Rev Watson will be visiting us on Wednesdays to help us find out about some well known Bible stories. Swimming and country dancing with Small Isles children will start up after the February break, every Thursday.

**WORKING in the BIG ROOM
JANUARY to APRIL 2015.**

ETHOS AND LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Friendship, Excellence, Respect

We are always working to develop lots of different skills to help us to work together happily and effectively and to be the best learners that we can be, but our focus this term is

Eco schools - action planning for our Water topic, taking actions to meet planned targets for Water and Health and Wellbeing. Regular litter checks.

CORE LEARNING

Health and Wellbeing - Swimming, Country Dancing and

Literacy - Further developing the 'tools' and skills we need to be good writers - eg practicing new spelling patterns and high frequency words and writing sentences correctly, (capital letters, full stops, finger spaces...) Novel study - Arabel's Raven

Maths/numeracy - This term our focus is on mental maths strategies, different methods for adding and subtracting numbers, (eg counting on, using number lines, partitioning), times tables and problem solving. We will be able to practice money skills in our class café and gift shop role play area too.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Individual targets
Active Learning/Personal Planning - Plan, do and review.
Floor book group planning
Swimming sessions
Reciting Scots poems at our themed 'Burns Lunch'