

Primary 2/3/4

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The purpose of this overview is to give parents and carers an indication ('Snapshots') of some of the activities pupils have participated in to develop a knowledge and understanding of the world around them and to develop necessary skills and qualities.

You will appreciate that pupils participate in many more activities than those listed, for example, very few, if any, of the literacy and numeracy activities undertaken are mentioned.

However, development of literacy and numeracy skills remain at the heart of our school curriculum.

Health and Wellbeing

ALEC CLASSROOM

The term began with a visit from the ALEC (Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres) mobile classroom. The children took part in a programme of learning called "Meet the Brain" as well as the naming other internal organs in their body.

AFC Football Club Training



The class took part in six weeks of football training with a coach from Aberdeen Football Club practising various skills which always ended by getting into teams and having a game.



Article 31

You have the right to play and relax and do things like sport, music and drama



Athletics

During the time of Olympics in Rio the children took part in a whole school competition, learning running, hurdles, shot putt and discus.



School Cross Country

A lovely session took place when everyone competed to find who could run the fastest by running up the hill behind school. Some children chose to run on the longer route around the road and then down the hill. Medals were presented at the Harvey Garden.

Running a mile

In term 1 the children regularly ran a mile around the school grounds to increase their fitness and improve concentration. They were all more able to run further and faster after several weeks of training.

LANGUAGE WORK

THE BIG FRIENDLY GIANT by Roald Dahl

Nationally there were celebrations for what would have been Roald Dahl's 100th birthday so the children decided to read the BFG as both a class novel and a home reading book for the green group.



P2/3/4 all found out facts about this great author and completed a quiz to show off their knowledge.

They wrote imaginary stories about what might happen if they were picked up by a giant hand, exactly what happened to the character Sophie.

Illandra found the BFG's dream blower in her garden and brought it to school.

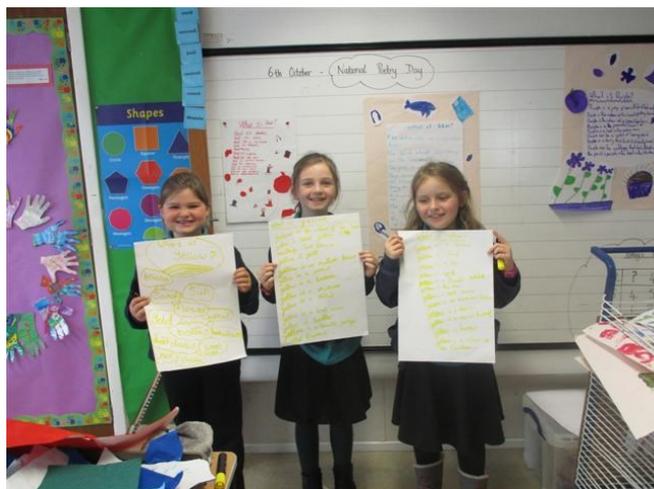
As a follow up the children wrote their dream wishes in a jar.

The class not only read the story of the BFG but also watched the story as a cartoon version and then were lucky to be able to go to Aberdeen cinema at the beach to compare these three versions and discovered that the film does not follow the original story exactly. As a treat on the day they went to eat their lunch inside the cinema and then went to play at the beach playground.



National Poetry Day

There were activities that took place when the children worked in their house groups and this gave them a chance to work together with both younger and older pupils.



BOOKTRUST - Meet an author

The children got the chance to listen to an author talk about using Scots language.



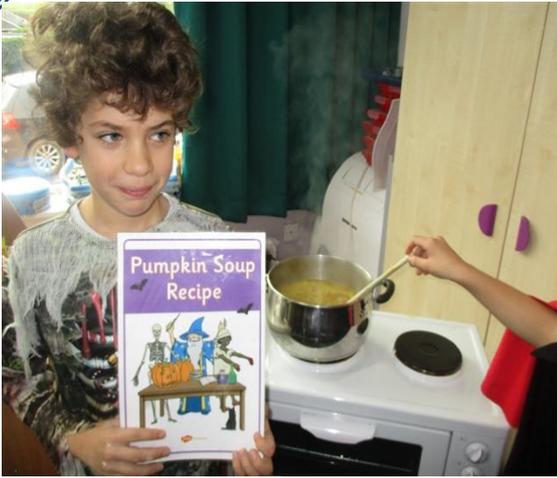
TERM 2

Halloween Activities

Everyone had a chance to dress up for the day.



There were lots of co-operative learning activities. 1. Making pumpkin soup which reinforced measuring and following instructions. 2. Making gloop with cornflour and water and investigating how it flows. 3. Group Games.



SCIENCE



Sound and vibration work took place with Mrs Sangster .By collaborating in experiments they can now produce sounds from vibration. Also they can demonstrate how to change the pitch of the sound.

Electrical Circuits



P2/3/4 have been learning to describe an electrical circuit as a continuous loop of conducting materials. They also combined simple components in a series circuit to make a model of a clown with a spinning bow tie.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – DIWALI

Refer to the Assembly programme which is in your child's red folder for full details of all the learning which took place during this cross-curricular topic.

ART – fantastic clay divas were made from clay and painted and origami lotus flowers were folded.

DRAMA – Performing a drama to retell the story celebrated by Hindus at Diwali time about Rama and Sita.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

A trip to the woods took place and there was a hunt to identify symmetrical objects in the real world



MUSIC- Samba Drumming



Regular music lessons were given by Dan from Aberdeenshire Instrumental Services, this will continue in term 3. This experience took the class into the soul music of Brazil and they experienced the music of the Rio Carnival. They have learned the powerful beat of a Surdo and also played Ganzas and Eagle Bells. This has been a great experience loved by all!



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Christmas lunch wearing self made party hats, class parties and crafts making sessions were enjoyed by all. A magical treat ended the term with a visit from a magician as a treat provided by the GSP.