

Primary 4 & 5

Term 3 – 2015/16

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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.

Robert Burns

The children researched Robert Burns to find out about his background. We developed our knowledge in many ways however they particularly enjoyed researching on the Ipads and discussing with the class the different facts they found out about him. We watched an informative programme about him and his poetry and the children felt this helped them understand some of his poems better. We then went on to learn about the translations of one of his poems.

Burns Day

This term we celebrated Burns Day by taking part in several activities. Mrs McConachie organised a Haggis Hunt which we had to complete inside due to bad weather. Mrs Cerreti made tablet and we had the opportunity to read different Scottish text. Mrs Ingram organised an art and craft session where we made Scottie Dog mobiles. Murray proudly carried the Haggis at lunchtime and then recited the Selkirk Grace. The class then enjoyed watching everybody perform at the assembly.



Spring Show

This term P4/5 had the opportunity to visit the Spring Show in Inverurie. We spent the morning taking part in several different workshops – finger knitting, how wool is made and how rape seed oil is made





and what is done with the waste. The class then listened to talk about British Beef and were treated to a sample piece of burger and received a water bottle. The afternoon was spent having a look at the different machines, products that are available to the farming community and the show animals. We also met a few familiar faces from our local community. While watching the judging of the animals Billy and Harry had their photo taken with Colin Slessor (auctionaire from The Mart, BBC1).



Science week

The class were very busy during science week. The class tested different kitchen ingredients to see if they were acid or alkaline. We also had a visit from Animates, the class had the opportunity to hold Giant African Snails, a snake and a millipede. The class were set the challenge to test several different kitchen ingredients to see what they are. It resulted in gloop being made which the class thoroughly enjoyed and Mrs McConachie having to Hoover the class during playtime. The class also learnt about volcanoes and rocks.



The children were also visited by Generation Science and took on experiments around the theme of Fizz, Boom, BANG!! It was enjoyed immensely. Finally, during this week the children became CSI's for the day investigating fingerprinting and crime scenes.

PE

The new dinner tables have been put to good use in PE and have been used for table tennis. The children have enjoyed these sessions.



This term the class has been improving their badminton skills. They were keen to show off their new skills and taking part in tournaments in the class. A small group of P4s went to Stonehaven to take part in a badminton tournament. The team came back Sports Hall Champions and now go onto to compete in the final at Banchory.

The class also had golf lessons from the Active School Co-ordinator and have taken part in a Rugby Tournament on the new "All Weather" pitch in Stonehaven. The children took part with good sportsmanship and team spirit, enjoying the experience of mixing with our other CSN schools.



Fairtrade Fortnight (29th Feb-13th March)



Following on from an interesting assembly about *Fairtrade* led by the Rights Respecting Group, each class went on to learn more about this subject. The P4/5's went on to discover more about tea farmers in Kenya and how *Fairtrade* helps to ensure that they get paid well and have a more secure future for their families. The children took part in a Fairtrade Poster competition, organised by the RRS group and then judged by the Fairtrade CO-OP in Stonehaven. The lucky winners took home a variety of Fairtrade goodies.

Maths

The class have been looking at addition and subtraction this term. I hope that they will be able to apply these skills to money next term. The children have also been continuing their work in division and learning the short written method. They should continue to

learn their times tables to help us move onto fractions next term.

Writing

The class have completed some very good pieces of writing this term. They wrote reports about the Burns Day and the trip to the Spring Show.

These reports were interesting to read and included lots of details about what they had done .



World Book Day

The whole school enjoyed a day of fun book-related activities, with many of the children and staff dressed up as book characters. Pupils moved around classes in their House groups; activities included listening to a wide variety of stories, writing poems, creating Harry Potter spells, painting dragons, doing puzzles and word-searches. The children also took part in a Where's Wally Hunt, trying to find and identify members of staff disguised as Wally!



Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk also took place this term. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us this year, so our planned trip to Dunnottar Castle had to be cancelled because of high winds and safety issues. Nevertheless, the pupils still had a long walk along the coastal path at Stonehaven, stopped at the War memorial and Stonehaven harbour for a brief Water Safety Talk by Joe Samson, followed by a delicious ice cream from Auntie Betty's.

Ways to support your child at home:

- Continue to practice times tables
- Practice fractions and the language of fractions
- Quiz each other about the sound for that week