

Primary 4 & 5

Term 2 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.

Language

This term we have been learning about poetry and letter Writing. We have been learning about the techniques that can be used to engage a reader in our writing such as the use of similes, onomatopoeia and interesting layout. The children are particularly good at assessing their success against a list of success criteria and using this to plan their next steps. We have also been developing our knowledge further with our comprehension skills in different areas using various texts and Book Detective tasks.

This term we have been continued with active spelling. The children have enjoyed the different active games. The P5s have been helping the P4s with their diacritical marking and the use of Elkonin boxes. The class have liked having the opportunity to discuss spelling strategies with each other. They will continue to practise their spelling rules next term.

Maths

We have been working specifically on our times tables and multiplication skills this term. We have been taking part in class and group learning, by doing practical maths hunts with each other, which included all the mental maths skills in various ways, The children have been using the "50 Club" to improve their times



table recall and have been challenging each other in our Beat the Neighbour Class Challenge.

This term P4/5 have been working with money. They have become quite good at giving people the correct change but still require some practice. The class are now working on addition. They are good at sharing strategies with each other. The children have also been working on co-ordinates. They enjoyed the Christmas range of activities. They were very good at helping each other by being 'study buddies' and 'Learning Partners'.

Forest School



It has been a busy term at Forest School, we have been out in all types of weather. The children learnt about the trees and how to identify them. We spent an afternoon stream dipping and found some very interesting creatures living in our stream, fortunately nobody fell in. Clay faces have been created on the trees which led to some creative writing in school. The children

have also enjoyed having time to free play – using hazelnuts as currency, climbing trees and going back to the 80's in the Deloriant. Everybody has enjoyed toasting and eating marshmallows.

Forest School has become an important part of our week and the children all enjoy the opportunity to be outside learning about their local environment. They have plenty ideas for next term.

I am also pleased to say that we have managed to achieve our Bronze Award with the Woodlands Trust. We will be looking at how to achieve our Silver award next term.



Rugby, Football and Cross Country



This term P4/5 have had the opportunity to play rugby. We have had a coach from Stonehaven who has been putting the class through their paces.

They all enjoyed trying to get their partner into the mud while doing press ups. The Aberdeen

Football Club coach, Rob worked the children hard, teaching them some vital skills and the importance of teamwork.



Great enthusiasm, determination and commitment was shown during our annual cross country championship when the children ran the full route to achieve a medal. We were particularly impressed by the sportsmanship and team spirit shown by all. We hope next year, it can be more of an event



with parents coming to cheer their children on and enjoying the atmosphere on the day. There was so much interest that several pupils went for additional sessions after school. Isla Mc Caskill, was one of 7 pupils from all age groups, who represented Glenbervie School at Knockburn Loch in very cold weather. A credit to the school!

Thematic

As part of our farming topic we hatched chicks. The class were very lucky to watch one hatch in class, it was a nerve wrecking 30 minutes. A total of 5 eggs hatched and we're looking forward to having them in the playground next term, we have even had one escape and fly over to France. The class enjoyed writing stories about how the chick managed to make the journey. We look forward to having it back and hearing all about its adventure!



French

The children have been enhancing their knowledge and skills in French. They have been really enjoying playing French games where they have been able to quiz their friends knowledge and themselves. They have been developing their knowledge of French words for classroom items, weather, days, numbers and months. They have also been learning songs in French such as the colours of the rainbow. They have really been enthusiastic with all of this. Mrs Edwards has also been using songs, to engage French learning in the class. (Check out French songs by Alain le Lait).

The children drew beautiful pictures in their jotters of some of the Christmas words we learned, for example, sleigh, Baby Jesus and present, then wrote the French words, complete with French accents! They made beautiful French Christmas cards with a message written in French to take home to that lucky person.



PE

In PE the class have been doing Scottish Country dancing. They have made up their own dance which they shared with the class. See attached notes from Miss Munro.

ICT

The class have using GLOW to create power point slides. There has been a few challenges such as logging on to GLOW but the class are making progress.

Visitors

The SSPCA come and spoke about the work that they do to help wild animals in Scotland. The class showed how good their listening were and asked some very good questions. The children have learnt who to contact should an animal need help.

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How to Support Your Child at Home

- Continue to practise times tables
- Support your child as they prepare for the Scots Poetry Competition.
- Help them to practise delivering their prepared talk.
- Practise money and change when buying an amount of things for your family



Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!