

What is Burns night and why do we celebrate?

The Scottish people, and many others, celebrate Robert Burns' life every year on his birthday, 25th January by having a Burns' Supper on Burns' Night. It is a time for families to get together and eat traditional Scottish foods and dance traditional Scottish dances and a time to remember some of Robert Burns' poetry. At the start of the family celebrations, they say a 'grace' which is one of Robert Burns' poems. (see The Selkirk Grace sheet) For more information visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/16722720>

Who was Robert Burns and why was he well-known?

Robert Burns was a poet and a writer who died on January 25th, 260 years ago. He lived in Scotland. The Scottish are immensely proud of Robert Burns' achievements and regard him as a national treasure. He wrote some very famous songs and poems e.g. Auld Lang Syne.

English and Maths planning – see separate planning

English - Poetry
Maths - Numbers to 50

History

To understand Scottish traditions.

Recreate your own Burns' night this week with your family at home. We would like you to think about the food you will eat, the music you will listen to, the dances you will do and the clothes you will wear. On Burns' night Scottish people have always eaten potatoes (tatties), carrots and turnip (neeps) and haggis. (See recipe sheet for haggis, neeps and tatties) Last term we learned about the senses in Science. Can you remember what the 5 senses are and what we use them for? If you can try some new food this week, look at what Scottish people eat on Burns' night. What does the food taste like, feel like, smell like, taste like?

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Geography

Can you name and locate the 4 countries of the UK? Scotland is part of the United Kingdom. Can you find it on the map of the UK? Colour each country in a different colour. We want children to understand that they live in Morecambe, England that is part of the UK. Can you label Morecambe on the map? Colour the sea in blue. (See Map of the United Kingdom)

Art

Tartan is a fabric made up of horizontal and vertical stripes in different colours, on a coloured background. Meg dressed up in a kilt in the pink phonics book 'The dressing up box'. Men in Scotland have worn kilts for hundreds of years and still do for weddings and special occasions. Design your own tartan using any media you like e.g., pens, pencils, coloured crayons, paint or a combination of all. (See the tartan design sheet to help you)



Music/PE

Listen to Auld Lang Syne. Does anyone in your family know this? When do you sing it? Watch on the video link how the bagpipes are made. Bagpipes are traditional to Scotland and they are what most people think of when they think of Scottish music. Even over 200 years ago Robert Burns would have danced to the sound of the bagpipes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9lht2mRd2kQ>

The clip is played by men wearing kilts and traditional Scottish piper clothes and shows clips from the Highlands of Scotland too. The dance that is traditional to Scotland is called the Highland Fling (The word 'Fling' means literally a movement in dancing). Watch Miss Gilda, a dance teacher from Morecambe teaching the Highland Fling dance. Can you copy her movements and actions and learn this traditional Scottish dance? Can you teach it or perform it to someone else in your house?