

What is Burns night and why do we celebrate?

Today (25th January) Scottish people will be celebrating Burns Night.

It's an important date in the calendar. But why? Read Newsround's quick guide to the special day. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/16722720>

Write a brief explanation of how Scottish people might celebrate Burns Night.

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

He wrote hundreds of poems, songs and letters. Research 'Auld Lang Syne', traditionally sung around the world on New Year's Eve (called Hogmanay in Scotland). Find out the meaning of the words of the first verse and chorus.

English and Maths – see separate planning

Music

Learn to sing 'The Skye Boat Song'. What is the story told in the song? How is it linked to Scottish history? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1CTxa-FuKc>

Geography

Living in hilly cities – Edinburgh and Addis Ababa

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1-ks2-your-world-edinburgh-addis-ababa/zdy76v4>

Rose and Eden reveal the similarities and differences of living in two places surrounded by and built upon hills and mountains. Both children give us a tour of their cities, tell us about daily life and highlight features of their geographical surroundings. We would like you to research the two cities and write a report. Try to answer the following questions in your writing: Why is Edinburgh a hilly city? What is Arthur's seat? What is the Royal Mile? What is Mount Entoto in Addis Ababa? Why is Shiro Meda market famous? How are the climates different? Are there any similarities and differences in the children's daily lives?

History

Who was Greyfriars Bobby?

Research this canine character from history and write about his life. Why does this story still appeal to people today? Present your story as a comic strip.

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Find out about Robert Burns here: <http://static.visitscotland.com/pdf/rabbie-for-kids.pdf>

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The Pig of Happiness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoilYlww8M4>

Do we always need to be happy? Can we change the way other people think?

DT

Make some shortbread, Scotch broth or another traditional Scottish dish. For a challenge, find out what these Scottish dishes are: Cullen skink, partan bree and cock-a-leekie. Would you like to taste these dishes?

Art

The **Edinburgh Festival Fringe (The Fringe)** is the world's largest arts festival. It started in 1947 and takes place every year (late August and early September). There are hundreds of different events, ranging from concerts, theatre, opera, comedy and dance to many informal events such as street performers.

Science

Maria Gordon, Williamina Fleming and Victoria Drummond were pioneering Scottish scientists. Find out about their scientific work and why they are known today. <https://www.nls.uk/>

Write a short biography for each scientist.

PE

Find out about the history of Scottish country dancing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfvN39Y3I4U>

Learn to dance the Highland Fling:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ln3P_L8mX8

In Year 6 we are holding our very own virtual Fringe Art Festival. We would like you to create an original art piece: a painting, drawing, sculpture, song, dance, musical performance or stand-up routine. Be as creative as you want! Film or photograph your work and email it to us: year6homework@sandylands.lancs.sch.uk

Computing

Two of Scotland's most famous inventors were **John Logie Baird** and **Alexander Graham Bell**. Why are they famous? What did they invent?

Create a PowerPoint (or a paper fact file) about these two inventors.