



S1 Social Subjects

You will come to Social Subjects three periods per week and, in most cases, you will have the same teacher for all three periods.

At primary school you will have studied People in the Past (History), People and Place (Geography) and People and Society (Modern Studies). These are the three subjects, which are covered in S1 Social Subjects.

Modern Studies

SCOTTISH POLITICS

In the Modern Studies part of the course one of the things you will learn about is how Scotland is governed. You will become familiar with the representatives at Holyrood, the things they do for us and how we can let them know about something if we're not happy about a policy or law.



INEQUALITY IN THE USA

The international topic we look at is the USA. In this unit we study the differences between the main ethnic groups, which live there. Why do some groups have higher levels of poverty than others? Which groups have better access to education? Why do some people not have healthcare? What can be done to improve equality?

HISTORY

MEDIEVAL TIMES

In S1 History we take you right back to Medieval Times. You research how people used to live, what a hierarchy was and what jobs people did and what food they ate. Life was not always peaceful then and so you will also study some of the battles, which happened, and the tactics, which each side used to try to win. You will also need to know how Medieval people defended their castles and so you will look at how castles were built, what weapons were used. You may even have a chance to build your own castle!

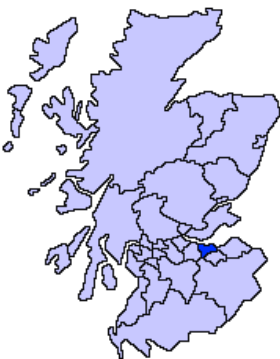


SCOTTISH WARS OF INDEPENDENCE

In this unit you will look at the era of Edward I, Alexander III, Robert Bruce and William Wallace. Why did Scotland have no King for a while? How did Edward I try to claim Scotland for himself? What did Wallace and Bruce do in order to stop him? How successful were they?

GEOGRAPHY

SCOTLAND AND BRAZIL



In the Geography part of the course you will develop your skills at finding and identifying places and features using an atlas. You will investigate what the landscape is like in Scotland's Cairngorms National Park and how people live, work and spend their leisure time within the park. You will then focus on a different part of the world; the Equatorial Rainforest in Brazil to find out how plants and animals adapt to the climate and discover how human activities are destroying the rainforest.



GEOGRAPHY SKILLS AND CLIMATE CHANGE



In this unit you will firstly, develop your map reading skills. You will learn how to use grid references to find places, identify symbols and understand how height is shown on a map.

The second part of the unit is on Climate Change. You will find out what are the causes and impacts of climate change around the world and what can be done to reduce this at a global, national and local scale. You will find out what you can do to reduce your own carbon footprint.

SKILLS

You will also develop the skills to:

- Research information from a range of different sources.
- Evaluate sources and decide if they are reliable or not.
- Present information in different ways.
- Analyse figures from graphs and tables.
- Write in a detailed and structured format.
- Evaluate your work in order to improve.

