



Primary 4 Newsletter - Term 1

Welcome to the Primary 4 newsletter. Here you will find information about what is going on in Primary 4 this term. We are excited to bring you the latest updates from the wonderful world of Primary 4 and we are looking forward to sharing all of the exciting things we will be learning about!

Literacy

Reading - This term in Primary 4, we will be using 'Hooked on Books' to encourage engagement within reading and develop a deeper understanding of the text. Pupils will be divided into groups and will participate in 'Book Talk,' answering questions, which will assist pupils to express themselves in high order language. In addition to this, pupils will complete 'Guided Reading' tasks independently in class, which will further develop their reading skills.

Writing - In Writing we will be focusing on creating informative texts and imaginative texts with links to our Romans topic. Learners will explore the art of imaginative storytelling, creating characters, settings, and plotlines which will transport their reader to magical worlds. We can't wait to see their creativity come to life! We will also explore crafting informative texts. From researching and gathering facts to organising information in a clear and engaging manner, we hope they will produce some super writing which shares their knowledge.

Spelling - This will continue to be taught in class, where the pupils will investigate new patterns on a two weekly basis. The children will engage in activities where they cover different aspects of grammar and are encouraged to increase their bravery as spellers.

Numeracy and Maths -

This term, there will be a focus on place value. From understanding that each digit holds a unique value to creating numbers with hundreds, tens and ones, we hope to become place value pros! We will also be navigating the number systems, from the smallest numbers to the largest. We will be learning how to compare numbers using the symbols for 'more than' and 'less than'. We will be comparing numbers, using them to help make decisions and to solve everyday challenges. Learning is all about fun in Primary 4, so we will be using a range of resources including engaging numeracy games to reinforce concepts we are learning about. This will help to boost our learners' confidence whilst making their learning experience enjoyable.

During the week we will also continue to focus on mental maths strategies through "Maths Basic Facts". We continue to encourage the children to practise quick recall of times tables facts and number bonds as much as possible as this is helpful in all areas of Numeracy.

Learning Across the Curriculum -

This term we will be learning about the Romans. We hope to embark on a virtual journey back in time to Ancient Rome. We will be exploring the Roman way of life, from gladiators in the Colosseum, creating intricate mosaics inspired by beautiful designs found in Roman architecture, investigating the Roman numeral systems and having the opportunity to share our learning with the class and being able to showcase our knowledge.

Requests-

If anyone is able to support us with our topic 'Romans' please get in touch.

Health and Wellbeing-

Primary 4A has PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Primary 4B has PE on a Tuesday and Thursday

Your child should arrive in school uniform on this day. They will then get changed for their PE lessons.

This term the children will be learning about the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. This series of lessons will provide the children with an understanding of their rights and responsibilities. There will be strong emphasis on building relationships, friendships and the "Zones of Regulations" in Primary 4. We will be looking at how we can work as a team to encourage cooperation, communication and problem solving. We will also aim to develop our empathy skills, helping our learners to step into others' shoes, understand different perspectives and practise being a supportive friend. We will also be looking at 'Feelings and Safety' as part of the RSH progression. If you would like to know what will be covered, the lesson materials are available at <https://rshp.scot/first-level/>

Wider Achievements-

If your child has accomplished any new achievements outside school, please encourage them to let us know!

Ideas for Learning at Home-

We recommend accessing our school Wakelet to support your child's learning. You can also encourage your child to log onto their Google Classroom to access additional learning tasks.



Names on clothes -

Please ensure that children have their names clearly labelled. This includes school sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans, and footwear.

Mrs Brandwood and Mr Morton