



Welcome to the Term 2 Primary 4 newsletter. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful October break and are looking forward to welcoming back our learners. Read on to discover the latest happenings and insights from our fabulous Primary 4 classes this term. We're looking forward to keeping you in the loop and can't wait to showcase all the fascinating topics we'll be exploring!

Literacy

Reading - This term in Primary 4, we will continue to use 'Hooked on Books' to encourage engagement within reading and develop a deeper understanding of the text. We will focus on making connections between texts we are reading and events which have happened in our own lives. We continue to enjoy our class novel and use this as a chance to have even more 'Book Talk'.

Writing - This term, Primary 4 continues to use a dynamic approach to writing through "Talk for Writing". This method encourages children to discuss and talk about their ideas before putting pencil to paper. We look forward to seeing our learners internalising language patterns and structures through fun storytelling, role-playing, and group discussions. Learners will develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the writing process. We're excited to witness the blossoming creativity and improved writing fluency that "Talk for Writing" will bring to our Primary 4 classroom!

Spelling - In term 2, we are continuing our exploration of spelling patterns. Every two weeks, our learners will explore new patterns, enhancing their understanding and skills. Through a series of interactive activities and consistent practice, we will encourage our learners to recognise, understand, and apply these patterns confidently in their writing.

Numeracy and Maths -

This term in Maths, Primary 4 will set off on an exciting journey into the world of data handling and analysis. Through hands-on activities and real-world examples, they'll discover the significance of collecting, organising, and interpreting data.

In Numeracy, we will continue to explore numbers by identifying odd and even numbers and rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. We will then move on to practising number bonds to 100, where our learners will practise making different pairs of numbers equal to 100. We will also be equipping our Primary 4s with the skills they need to regroup numbers during addition and subtraction. Finally, we hope to examine doubles, near doubles and halves of numbers up to 40.

During the week we also continue to focus on "Maths Basic Facts". Learners are offered the opportunity to be tested once a week and will play a selection of games and activities which build their knowledge of number bonds, doubles and halves. As always, we encourage you to engage with your child about these topics at home.

Learning Across the Curriculum

We start Term 2 by finishing off our very engaging Romans topic. Last term we learned so much about the Romans and thoroughly enjoyed our class trip to the National Museum of Scotland to take part in a Roman workshop where we handled real and replica Roman Artefacts. We will have a bit more to learn and look forward to continuing this topic.

Primary 4 will then move on to exploring the world of Science. This term, our learners are set to embark on a journey into the realm of forces. The mysteries of how forces, both seen and unseen, can change the shape or movement of objects will be revealed! Whether it's understanding the push and pull we feel directly, or the invisible forces that act from a distance, we're gearing up for some hands-on experiments!

We believe this term will be filled with lots of "lightbulb" moments, and we can't wait to see our learners light up with the joy of discovery. As always, we encourage you to chat with your children about what they learn; their excitement is bound to be contagious!

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.

There will continue to be a 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 continue to explore the 'Feelings and Safety' as part of the RSHP 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! We now have an 'Achievement Tree' outside our classroom, and all achievements are displayed there.

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