

Term 2 in Primary 4.

This term in Primary 4 we will be learning.....

Literacy

Primary 4 children continue to learn a new spelling pattern each week, which will be practised daily in class. Spelling homework will be given weekly and is posted on the class blog.

We continue to develop our skills in cursive handwriting, and always encourage the children's personal best in presentation.

We will be exploring and comparing myths and legends. The children will read eBooks and watch film clips, understanding plots and features of legends then recalling and retelling main events. They will use drama to explore characters and dilemmas. They will discuss punctuation, learning how to write dialogue. They will plan, edit and write their own legends, following a familiar structure.

In our creative writing we will explore setting and learn to create and write our own characters, using a rich and varied vocabulary.

Maths and Numeracy

In mental agility we will be focussing on counting forwards and backwards in multiples starting at zero (e.g 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 etc), which will give us the opportunity to revise our times tables. We will also be counting in multiples starting at numbers other than zero (e.g counting backwards in 6s starting at 100), which is an important skill. Ms Brunner will be posting mental agility activities on the school blog for children to practise at home.

P4 will be rounding numbers to the nearest 10 or 100, and using this to make reasonable estimations.

We will be learning about fractions through a range of practical activities and use concrete materials and pictorial representation to show understanding of where simple fractions lie on a number-line, and equivalent fractions.

We will continue to learn and practise our times tables and division facts.

Maps

One of our learning topics this term is Maps. We will be exploring the features of maps and will be taking our learning outdoors as often as possible. We are going to make connections to maths and learn about compass points and how to use grid references on a map. We will also use digital technology to enhance our learning. We will be linking our literacy learning to this topic, through one of our class novels "Oliver and the Seawigs", an adventure story, and when we will learn about describing settings in our creative writing. We will also explore this in PE, through some basic orienteering lessons.

Health & Wellbeing

Our Building Resilience theme this term is 'be kind to others', and Ms Finlayson will be supporting us in class with this.

We will also be learning about how all families are different, diversity (what makes people alike and what makes us different), gender stereotypes and relationships...As always we will encourage respect for others and emphasise the importance of being kind.

R.M.E

We will discover how Christians and Sikhs demonstrate their beliefs through prayer, worship and special ceremonies, making comparisons and developing respect for the practices and traditions of others. The children will continue to be encouraged to share their own beliefs, experiences and traditions.



P.E



P.E lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We will be covering, dance, orienteering and football this term, as well as revisiting badminton and spending time focuaaing on team work and cooperation.

Things to remember

- Mrs McCauley and Colin will be supporting P4 throughout the week
- Ms Brunner supports maths and numeracy in class on Tuesdays and Fridays
- P.E is on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- We often take our learning outdoors so please make sure your child is appropriately dressed with warm, waterproof clothing and suitable footwear.
- Home learning is shared on the Primary 4 blog on Mondays and is expected back in class on Thursdays. Thank you for your support ☺

Social Studies

We will be learning about the UN 17 Global Goals. This will connect to many areas of the curriculum, including our ongoing learning in HWB around the UN Rights of the Child.

We will celebrate Burns Night and learn about significant Scottish individuals from the past.

Expressive Arts

We will explore a range of art materials, including watercolours. Our learning will be enhanced by a trip to National Galleries. We will learn some Scottish country dances, and have the opportunity to create and perform our own dances. In drama this term we will be focussing on mime and action through a range of games.

Technologies

As well as regularly using iPads and technology to play games and enhance our learning in all curricular areas, we will be learning to save our work securely and safely, and to effectively use annotation tools online and on text/photos.

We will celebrate "Safer Internet" day on the 6th February.

Primary 4 will be exploring how phone technology has developed over the years.

This term we will be solving problems and finding practical solutions through art, design and play, using a range of materials.

How Can we Help at Home?

- Share a book together regularly and talk about what you have read.
- Practise times tables at home regularly.
- Practise telling the time and working out simple real--life time problems e.g "It is 3:45 just now and it takes 30 minutes to get to the shops, what time will we arrive?"

Questions...?

Should you have any worries, questions or concerns, please feel free to come and see us (at the end of the school day is usually the best time)



Kind regards
Mrs Rush

Science

Linking to our learning about the UN 17 Global Goals we will be learning about different types of energy and their importance to everyday life and survival. This term we will also learn about electrical circuits, conducting materials and the children will have a chance to use their knowledge to make a game or model.

