



## The learning so far, the last few weeks...

A very busy start to this term in P4! We have been building a space shuttle for our 'Galactic Getaways' travel agency and exploring space. We have also been learning about 'powerful verbs' to up level our sentences and using this to create superhero comic strips on the iPads. We have also been very lucky to receive a loan of precious moon rocks and meteorite samples and will be learning about the geology of the moon. We also had some fantastic talks from the children on the planets. In maths we have been learning about fractions and division and applying this in our pizza roleplay area.

## Learning across the curriculum

### **Literacy**

We are learning to...

- Write travel brochures for tourists to travel the solar system.
- Create comic strips using powerful verbs and onomatopoeias.
- Create poems and newspaper reports
- Write stories with beginning, middle and ends using our VCOP.
- Continue to build on our reading and comprehension skills.
- Learn and use features of non-fiction texts
- Learn how to take notes
- Learn how to use our library

### **Numeracy**

We are learning to...

- Make the link between fractions and division.
- Developing our mental maths with 'Big Maths' daily
- Develop our skills in addition, subtraction and multiplication.
- Exploring the properties of 2D Shape and tessellation.
- Using calendars and calculating durations.
- Develop our skills in interpreting data and use databases

### **IDL (Topic)**

We are learning to...

- Research the planets in our solar system.
- Research famous astronauts and key events in the exploration of space
- Explore the history and geology of the moon
- Plan and design rockets and moon buggies
- Learn about the weather in Scotland and around the world
- Carry out experiments and record the weather

### **Health & Wellbeing**

We are learning to...

- Play games from around the world and develop our ball skills.
- Learn that rights come with responsibilities.

## Other Important Information

- **Our hall time for PE is Monday with myself and Thursday with Mrs Mundie.**
- Mrs Mundie will take the class for **Drama/Art on a Tuesday** and Miss Hamilton will take **Music on a Friday** for a 4 week block.
- **Homework** goes out on Friday and is due on Thursday. Our school homework policy can be found on the school website. Every week there will be a spelling, reading and maths task. And on occasion, another piece of work related to other areas of the curriculum. A whole school homework task is given out once a month. It is very important that the children take more responsibility for their learning, in this case we ask that if there are any problems with homework that *the child* comes to seek help before the Thursday deadline.
- **Golden Groups** in term 3 are now on Fridays at 2:30pm.
- **Homework Club** for P4-7 runs on Wednesday lunchtimes by one of the Upper Stages Teachers. We now have a range of clubs running everyday for the children.
- Library books can be changed on a **Friday** this term.

## Ideas/strategies to support your child's learning

- Please continue to practise times tables as much as possible. The pupils know how they are constructed; they now just need to memorise for rapid recall. These can also be used to practise division facts.
- Quick fire mental number bonds up to 20 or 100 - your child's choice.
- Spelling practise whenever there is an opportunity.
- Apply their maths as much as possible in real life situations to help make links. For example, if shopping, find the cost of two items instead of one. If doing any measuring - kitchen or DIY, show your child what you are doing. If cooking, have them do the measuring.
- Time – In term 2 we practised telling the time. This is often a tricky concept for children and they need constant reinforcement. We also calculated durations and it would be helpful if this concept was practised to build confidence.