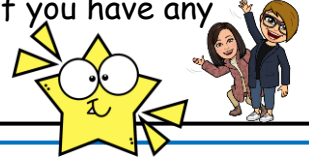


Welcome to Primary 4 Stars, we hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and is ready for the year ahead. It has been lovely to see all the children back in school and they all seem enthusiastic to learn. Please have a read of this newsletter and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Boyd & Mrs Little



Communication

All homework will be sent home on a Tuesday, more information about homework will follow. We have set up a class Teams page which we will be developing the use of with the class. The children will be taught how to use Teams in class and this should not be used at home. If you wish to contact us please phone the school and we will phone back as soon as we can or send us an email. **Mrs Boyd can be contacted on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Little on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.**

Our email addresses are -

Mrs Boyd - gw09hunterkirsty3@glow.sch.uk Mrs Little - gw16littlenatalie@glow.sch.uk



P4 Expectations

Our main expectation is that your child is happy in the class and always tries their best. If there are any issues it is important that you make us aware of these.

Your child should come to school each day ready to learn.

- they will need a full water bottle
- indoor shoes
- PE kit, which should be brought in on a Wednesday and worn to school on a Thursday. Children will get changed into uniform after PE on a Thursday
- a waterproof jacket



Wider Achievements

We are always keen to hear about your child's wider achievements outside of school. Please encourage them to share these with us and bring in any evidence of these which we could use in their Wider Achievement record. A template can be found on the school Blog for your child to create a wider achievement certificate at home, this can be printed in school and presented at assembly.



Class Charter

We are on our journey to becoming a Gold Rights Respecting School. The pupils created their charter around a gaming theme.

Our Class Charter will be displayed in class and we look forward to sharing a photo on the school blog.

The Articles the children chose as the most relevant to our class are...

Article 3 - All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

Article 12 - You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

Article 28 - You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Article 29 - Your education should help you to use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



Lunches

School lunches are free for all Primary 4 children. These should be ordered online in advance. A copy of the menu can be found at <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmenus>



Extra Information

Open Afternoon - Tuesday 17th September 2.15-2.45pm
More information to follow.

Maths Week Scotland - 25th September until 1st October. We will celebrate Maths Week Scotland in class through a variety of maths based activities.



Literacy

During work in Literacy we will be developing reading comprehension skills. The children will be given a group reading text and we will be reading a shared class novel. In our class novel we will be looking at how the author's use of language describes a setting and creates mood. In written work children will be extending their use of descriptive vocabulary. We will also be focussing on the features of report writing. The children will be given new spelling words each week and these will be practised using a variety of active tasks. The children should also practise these words at home each week. Weekly spelling lists will be sent home every Tuesday in a jotter.

More information on homework will follow.



Maths and Numeracy

During Numeracy work we will be focusing on Place Value and number systems with a focus on numbers within 1000. We will also be working on addition and subtraction strategies, counting in 5s, 10s and 2s and looking at number patterns and relationships. We will be reinforcing our times table facts.

We will be learning about reading scales in measure and looking at probability.

We will be continuing with the use of Sumdog both in class and as homework.



Other Curricular Areas

Within Digital Literacy we will be looking at the need for secure passwords and being safe on the internet. We will also be learning how to navigate Microsoft Teams.

In IDL our focus this term is 'Our Body' where we will be learning about the skeleton and our major organs. We will also be learning about different types of germs and how we can prevent the spread of some common illnesses.

In French we will be revising learning to count from 0-69.

In Art we will be using different techniques, including collage, to create pieces of art.



Health and Wellbeing (H&WB)

We will be developing our skills associated with possession games and focussing on agility, ball handling and tactics in a variety of games. P.E will be on a **Wednesday afternoon and a Thursday morning**. Children should bring their PE kit to school on a Wednesday and come into school in their P.E. kit on a Thursday with school uniform in their bag to change in to. S6 Sports Leaders will be delivering some PE sessions in Term 1.

Our Wellbeing focus this term is 'Achieving' and within this we will be looking at our own strengths and next steps as well as ways we can represent our class and school. Throughout Health and Wellbeing we will enjoy preparing a variety of healthy snacks whilst considering the importance of good hygiene when preparing food.



Homework

Homework will be issued each week on a Tuesday.

- Spelling - new spelling lists will be issued on a Tuesday. These words should be practised at home using suggested activities and children will complete a spelling check in class on a Monday.
- Numeracy/Maths - Numeracy/Maths homework will be set fortnightly. This will alternate between Sumdog and a written task.
- Reading - Children will continue to bring home a familiar reading book. A short reading task will be sent home each week and should be completed in their Reading Homework jotter. Familiar reading books will be changed each week on a Tuesday. Some children will also be given a speed word list which consists of words which they should practise reading aloud every night. They do not need to be able to spell these words.

More information about homework will be sent home next week.

Again, if there are any concerns or issues then please get in touch.

