P4 Class Newsletter

Happy New Year. All the best for 2020. Please find below further information on the learning that will take place in P4 from January- April.

**Language**

**Reading**

The pupils will access a range of fiction and non-fiction texts during class, group and individual reading times. They will participate in reciprocal reading tasks to develop their higher order thinking skills and understanding of text.

**Writing**

The class are involved in the creation of an interactive wall displays which will support them in writing. The main focus areas are vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. The pupils are encouraged to be ambitious in their writing. They will be developing a more thorough knowledge of their writing journey, showing awareness of how to up-level their work.

Sentence structure and parts of sentences will be a main focus this term.

**Listening and Talking**

These skills are developed as pupils engage in daily class discussions.

The pupils will develop their listening and talking skills through participation in topic related tasks and involvement in learning and reciting their Scottish poem.

**Spelling**

Spelling words will be set each week in class. The words, and accompanying activities, will be sent home each week for revision.

A new homework task sheet was issued on 14th January. The pupils were involved in selecting the activities for this term.

Mr McKenna will be teaching French on Wednesdays.

The pupils are revising what they have learned during terms 1 and 2 and exploring the alphabet in French and discussions regarding their hobbies.

**Maths/ Numeracy**

**Spheres**

Pupils continue to extend their knowledge and use of subtraction vocabulary. They will learn different strategies to support them when subtracting horizontally & vertically within 100 (and beyond) without bridging, then with bridging and decomposition.

**Cylinders and Cubes**

Pupils continue to extend their knowledge and use of subtraction vocabulary. They will learn different strategies to support them when subtracting horizontally & vertically within 1000 (and beyond as extension) without bridging, then with bridging and decomposition.

Presentation of work, recording 1 digit within each square in jotters, to support organisation and increased clarity remains a focus for all pupils. Pupils are working towards presentation on smaller squares.

All pupils will extend their knowledge of multiplication and division strategies.

They will be applying learnt skills when working on worded tasks and challenges.

Mr McKenna will focus on money and data and analysis.

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**Health and Wellbeing**

The pupils will be learning:

To know that food provides the energy they need to grow, learn and be active.

To understand the difference between more healthy and less healthy energy-giving foods.

 To listen, share, discuss and compromise when working and learning with others.

To respect themselves, others and the rules of participation.

To understand that they have an important role to play in promoting the health and wellbeing of their school and wider community.

P.E. – The class will have P.E. on Mondays with Miss Collins and on Wednesdays with Mr McKenna.

We will focus on team games and gymnastics.

The class will benefit from a 5 week block of basketball sessions delivered by visiting coaches from Active Schools.

**Social Studies**

This term’s topic is The Titanic. Pupils are already taking a keen interest and have identified areas they would like to further explore.

The pupils will develop skills of accessing, analysing and using information.

They will learn more about the construction and design of the Titanic and the class system/ experiences on board the Titanic.

**Expressive arts**

**Art and Drama-** Activities and learning will link to our class topic, The Titanic.

**Music** – The pupils will be learning a Scottish song which they will perform at the Scottish Evening.

**Science**

The class will be learning about forces and topical science.

**ICT and Technology**

Pupils will be accessing online texts as part of their topic research. They will be creating their own presentations based on what they have learned.

We will be developing 3D modelling skills as part of our topic work.

**Religious and Moral Education**

The class will focus on some of the parables of Jesus.

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**Points of interest**

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child’s name.

Throughout the year we will be learning in the outdoors, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing everyday – warm coat, waterproof coat and footwear.

**Homework**

**Reading** – Reading books will usually be sent home to support and consolidate learning. **Please-** only read set pages as indicated in diaries. Discussing what has been read, making predictions and linking to own experiences will support classroom learning and discussions.

**Spelling** – Handed out on Tuesdays, due back on Thursdays.

**Maths**- Tasks and activities will be issued when appropriate for consolidation at home.