



Term 4 is here and it is great to be enjoying longer days and a bit more sunshine! There are lots of things to look forward to. We are very excited about starting our Living Things topic and getting out and about amongst all those creepy-crawlies. We will also be having a new visitor to the class soon ... (more information to follow shortly!). Our school trip to Dumfries House is planned for Friday 24th May and we'll be getting fit for Sports Day later in the term.

Literacy

Reading

We will continue to use the Big Cats reading books in school and at home. We will also have reading activities linked to our Living Things IDL. As part of this we will explore non-fiction texts about a variety of related science topics.



Spelling

The Active Spelling Programme will continue to be our main resource to develop our spelling strategies. We will also continue to practise dictated sentences to help with our general literacy skills.

Writing

Through our IDL topics together with seasonal celebrations our writing will be focused on note-taking and writing related to non-fiction texts. We will continue to focus on producing lengthier pieces of writing using topic-specific vocabulary, using conjunctions and learning about parts of speech like nouns, verbs and adjectives.

Health & wellbeing

We continue with the PATHS programme focusing on friendship, resolving conflict and building resilience for change in preparation for P3.

P.E.

This will continue twice-weekly and the start of the term will concentrate on possession games and then move on to athletics in preparation for Sports Day. A gentle reminder that we cannot use outdoor shoes in the gym hall as this may damage the flooring so make sure you have gym shoes in school. May we also remind you that jewellery, specifically earrings, should not be worn during P.E. Make sure you practise how to take your earrings out! Please also note that shorts are preferable to leggings or tights.

Numeracy

All groups will continue consolidating adding, subtracting, multiplication and division extending our number range to 100. We will be learning about measure and we will also cover other aspects of numeracy such as information handling.



We will continue with the Number Talks programme to reinforce our mental maths strategies.

Using **Sumdog** regularly as part of weekly homework will help to reinforce basic mathematical concepts and to highlight areas for consolidation. The Topmarks maths website has some great games to reinforce general number work and also specific aspects of maths like measure and data handling.

Contexts for Learning

Our main IDL focus will be Living Things incorporating Minibeasts and Life Cycles. We are looking forward to lots of outdoor activities linked to this as well as a variety of arts and crafts. We're going to have a go at growing our own flowers.

Homework

Thank you for your support in our homework programme. Regular reading practice is really making a difference! Please note that reading should be practised at least three times in the week, not just once, if possible. Please continue using the Sumdog site for numeracy practice. Once again thank you for all your support and we wish you well over the coming weeks.

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