

Hillview Primary

Primary 4



Welcome to Term 2

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for all your help at home in helping Primary four adjust to our 'new normal' in school. P4 have settled in really well, and shown real enthusiasm to engage in our wide range of learning experiences.

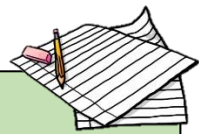
Our **Class Blog** will be accessible through the school website. Please also follow the school on **Twitter**. Primary 4 enjoy sharing their learning and this is a great way for you to keep up to date with the learning in class!

Thanks for your support,
Mr McDowell



P.E.

Primary 4 will continue to have their P.E. sessions on a Monday and Wednesday. Both lessons will take place outdoors where possible, therefore pupils should bring their **P.E. kits** (white/school polo shirt, black/navy shorts or leggings), **a water bottle** and come prepared for all weathers on both days. Some pupils are exploring numeracy outdoors for 2 periods a week with Ms. Zeitlin. Please can you ensure your child comes with a coat, and if possible, waterproof shoes or boots on a Tuesday and Friday.



Homework

Homework will now be issued weekly (issued on Friday and to be completed for Thursday the following week). Each child has been given a homework diary where the homework tasks will be written. Please include any communication about homework in the parent comments section of the diary. Each child will have a daily spelling and mental-maths homework, and a reading comprehension to be completed throughout the week.

There is no expectation for homework to be completed over the weekend. It is there as an option for pupils who are busy with clubs during the week.

Please encourage your child to read a book they really enjoy at home every night if possible. Thank you very much for all your help with homework it is very much appreciated!



Achievements

Throughout the year we will be acknowledging our 'Literacy Legend' and 'Maths Magician.' These are pupils who have shown a lot of determination and perseverance in Literacy and Numeracy. We will also have our virtual Achievements Assembly for term 2, and as always we will continue to share and celebrate any achievements from outside of school too.

Curriculum News



Literacy

This term we will be focusing on imaginative writing, where we will be using texts and moving images to inspire us. In reading we will continue to explore fiction and non-fiction books with a focus on developing our questioning to demonstrate our understanding of the texts. We will also be making links to our Rainforest Topic where the pupils will be writing Rainforest Animal Factfiles and demonstrating our talking and listening skills when we present them.

Numeracy

There was a focus on number fluency in term one and reminding ourselves of the mental-maths strategies for addition and subtraction, as well as a focus on multiplication and division. That will continue this term but we will also be looking at areas such as 2D and 3D shape, fractions, information handling and multiplying a 2 digit number by a single digit number. We have been recording the rainfall and temperature for Barrhead and the rainforest and we will be using this data to create charts and graphs in information handling.

Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be developing our resilience in school. The pupils will be learning about the importance of resilience in all walks of life through lessons in the classroom and PE, and we will be recognising pupils who are showing resilience.

Social Studies

This term we will be learning all about the rainforest and its role on our planet. We will be exploring the plants and animals that can be found in rainforests, the different layers of the rainforest and why it makes a good home for so many different types of plants and animals. We will be making links to other areas of the curriculum through our rain forest topic. In arts and crafts we will be sketching the blue morpho butterfly and listening to our peers' feedback to improve our sketch, we will be comparing the weather of Barrhead to the weather in the Amazon rainforest using our weather gauge and making links to maths and information handling by putting our data into charts and we will be learning about taking care of plants as our links to science.



*Working Together To Achieve
Our Goals*

Our Values

Fairness, Honesty and Kindness

Our Aims

Be Determined

Be Respectful

Be Safe