



Welcome to Primary 4



A very warm welcome from the Primary 4 boys and girls of Maidenhill Primary School. The class has been busy working collaboratively to create this newsletter. Since beginning a new term, have been very busy and would love to share with you what they have been learning.



What Does Learning Look Like in Primary 4?

"We love to explore"

"We love to create"

"We love to think"

- Every morning when the children arrive in class there are a mix of 'Kick Start Challenges' to begin each day. These can be anything from mental maths challenges, active spelling to problem solving.
- Each day the boys and girls have learning targets to complete, so must prioritise and manage their time carefully.
- We have also created an ethos where we value mistakes as they are a sign of trying, and not to let this discourage us from challenging ourselves.
- We also continually reflect on our own learning and make links to how we can use our skills in real life contexts.

Maths

Number Knowledge

We regularly use concrete materials to reinforce number knowledge to help solve a variety of problems.

Position & Movement

During Maths Week, the P4 class had a focus on position and movement. We took our learning outdoors where we used grid references to play battleships. We also created our own mazes using concrete materials and gave directions for a partner to follow.



Multiplication recall

"We regularly complete a 'five minute frenzy' in class to develop our rapid recall of times tables."



Literacy

Reading & Writing

We have just finished reading 'Charlotte's Web' as a class novel and are now enjoying 'The Explorer'. We also have regular opportunities to read privately and to choose a text of our choice.

"We have been learning to summarise a text by using the key words 'Somebody'/'Wanted'/'But'/'So' and 'Then'." We are currently learning about figurative language, particularly similes and metaphors and we are beginning to use these in our writing to help engage the reader.

Spelling

We have developed a multi sensory approach to practising our spelling rules and develop our vocabulary.



"This helps us to plan writing our own stories."

"...We continually try to improve our score by identifying a times table we find tricky"

Health & Wellbeing

In PE, we have been training to behave like expert basketball players. We have played many games which have developed our teamwork skills including passing the ball and making good eye contact. Over the weeks, our teamwork has improved. More recently, we moved on to gymnastics. In this sport we have learned to hold different shapes using body tension. These include the tuck, straight, star, pike and V-sit. Our end goal is to make sequences using these body movements.

We also continue to keep a growth mind-set as we learn. At the beginning of the year we made lovely growth mind-set flowers to remind us of different strategies to use if we feel challenged.

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