

Primary 4 Class Newsletter - Term 1



Welcome to Term 1 in Primary 4. Throughout this term we will be collaborating on a variety of activities and topics to widen our understanding of the world around us.

Language

In reading we will explore the use of language and the effectiveness of this language in portraying the characters and setting. To help us achieve this, we will be using the book "BFG", by Roald Dahl. The reading skills we will focus on this term are visualising, sequencing and predicting. We will also be retelling the story of Mary Poppins in our own way as part of the Glasgow Loves Reading Challenge.

In our writing activities we will develop our use of V.C.O.P. We will explore the language used by authors to create their stories and try to apply this in our own writing. These skills will be developed within the context of our book study. We will also focus on descriptive texts. We will develop our persuasive skills by creating a letter to win an author visit for our class.

In Talking and Listening, we will take part in activities to help us develop our listening skills. We will be watching the movie representation of the book "BFG" and identifying the similarities and differences that exist between the movie version and the book.

In class, we have our library areas. Children are encouraged to select books for enjoyment to promote a culture of reading across our classes.

Mathematics

A range of materials from games to ICT activities are used in maths lessons. These lessons continue to encourage co-operation and shared learning experiences through active participation.

This term we will be learning a range of concepts such as:

- Number Processes: We will continue to develop confidence when working with the 4 different operations (\times - + /)
- Place Value: We will be able to identify the value of a digit within a number. This will enhance our learning in other areas of numeracy.
- Pattern: We will begin to investigate different areas of pattern. We will explore how they can be found throughout life in our school and our community.

Health & Wellbeing

P.E.: We will continue our efforts to get out of class for the Daily Mile and take part in Yoga/Meditation activities in class. Traditional P.E. classes will be taught twice weekly. Our P.E days are:

- P4a - Monday and Tuesday
- P4b - Tuesday and Thursday

Children can now come to school with their gym kit in their bag. They will be able to change into this before their P.E lesson. A reminder: gym kits should be a polo shirt / t-shirt and leggings / shorts along with a pair of trainers / indoor shoes.

Social & Emotional Health: We will explore the friendships and relationships in our lives. This will be facilitated through our first topic of the new school year which is "This Is Me". We will discuss how our actions and behaviour can have an impact upon the people around us and our environment. It will also allow us to promote an atmosphere of inclusion and acceptance throughout the whole school.

I.C.T

This term we will continue to develop our understanding of how to use digital apps to help assist and complete our homework tasks.

We will have access to shared iPads in class where we will access a number of Apps and games that will support us in our learning across the curriculum.

Expressive Arts

Drama: In drama we will continue to build on the basic skills we have learned in previous sessions. We will use role play activities to help develop our understanding of the many relationships that exist between the different characters within our book study.

Art & Design: We will learn about the work of Artist Steven Brown. We will use a variety of materials and techniques to create pieces of art for our class displays.

Music: This term we will be listening to a variety of music to help develop our understanding of how it can be used to create mood and atmosphere in films.

Homework

A range of activities will be used to help consolidate what we are learning in class across the digital platforms of Seesaw and Sumdog. On a Monday and Wednesday, we will share activities on Seesaw for reading and spelling. On a Tuesday and Thursday, we will share maths activities. Children should complete these on Seesaw each week.

Behaviour

Pupils are encouraged to follow the school rules at all times. In order to promote positive behaviours across the whole school, the house points system will be used again this year. Points will be awarded via Class Dojo. We encourage our pupils to show our whole-school FAITH Values of: *Family, Achieve, Inclusion, Trust and Honesty.*

Clothing

As pupils return to school, could all parents and guardians please ensure that items of uniform are clearly labelled.

**Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you as a family
this school session,**

Miss Hill & Mr McLaughlin