


Welcome to our Primary 4 Newsletter!

**Term 1
2023**

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Hello, we hope you all have had a lovely summer holiday and were able to enjoy it despite the weather. The children have settled well into the new school and are keen to learn in their new environment. The girls and boys have lots of interesting topics to cover this year, and it certainly looks like we will be busy over the next few of months. We are looking forward to a busy and fun year and we all looking forward to getting to know our parents and carers.

Interdisciplinary Learning

The children will completing a novel study on the book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. This will be followed by a topic on Knights and Castles.

HWB

The children have made their own class charter and focused on the Rights from the UNRC and will continue to focus on an article and right of the month. The children will develop understanding of the importance of good friendships We will continue with a focus on the SHANARRI indicators and begin to look at emotion works.

Literacy Our reading activities will continue to focus on the North Lanarkshire Active literacy program for reading with a focus on fiction some non-fiction texts. The children will continue to develop their understanding and use of the six reading strategies, in particular comprehension and knowledge about words.

In writing, the boys and girls will continue to develop their information report writing and learn about ways to create different information.

The children will be taught grammar, spelling and handwriting on a daily basis.

Numeracy

Over term 1 the boys and girls will be working on our programme NLC numeracy pathway and Number Talks. They will be immersed in mental agility within the four operations.

It would be helpful if children continue to consolidate and practise their number work at home. For Outer Maths We will begin to look at Data Handling and Shape.

P.E

Monday (Outdoor).

Wednesday (indoor) The children may also go outdoors or Wednesdays too. The children will need warm, outdoor clothes and suitable footwear is needed for this, especially in winter.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately on their PE days. Children can come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kits as they will not be getting changed in school. We recommend outdoor clothes (jogging trousers/hoodie) and suitable footwear for this. A waterproof jacket might also be necessary and sun cream on warm days. Our PE sessions will be on a Monday and a Wednesday. The focus for PE this term will be Circuits, netball and competitive games. Please also send children to school with a suitable jacket each day as there will be a focus on outdoor learning. Water Bottles ~ Pupils are encouraged to drink plain water throughout the day in class.

Please remember that all jewellery must be removed on gym days!!

Water Bottles

Pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day in class. We would be grateful if you would provide a water bottle for this purpose.

Homework

The children will be given reading, common and phoneme words to practice along with some maths activities. The boys and girls will also have access to Sumdog and Educandy codes. Homework will continue to be uploaded by teachers onto teams. However this year we would ask the children to complete the homework in their jotter and return this to school on Fridays.

Homework Folders

Please keep homework in homework jotters in folders along with any other pieces of homework. Look out for any letters, which may be put into here too!

Key Dates for the Term

- September Weekend – Friday 22nd September until Monday 25th September (children absent).
- October Week – Monday 16th October until Friday 20th October (Children absent).

