


Welcome to our Primary 4 Newsletter!

**Term 2
2023**

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The children worked very hard in term one and were proud to show off their new classrooms to their adults during the open afternoons. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during term 1. We thoroughly enjoyed it and we hope the boys and girls did too. This term is set to be a busy one! We have lots of exciting things coming up!

Interdisciplinary Learning

The children will continue with a novel study on the book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone. This term the children will be learning about their local area and comparing it to other towns in Scotland before moving onto Christmas festivities. In Science the children will be learning about solids, liquids and gasses.

HWB

The children will continue to develop their understanding of the importance of good friendships. We will continue with a focus on the SHANARRI indicators and begin to look at how to stay safe with the darker mornings and nights coming in.

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 be focussing on narrative writing, and they will use their imaginations to write some spectacular stories.

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

Numeracy

Over term 2 the boys and girls will continue 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 continue to learn about shape and measure.

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 football and volleyball. 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

- Monday 13th November- Inset Day
- Monday 18th December – class Christmas party
- Friday 22nd – School will close at 2.30 for Christmas.

