



TERM 2 - October to December 2021



Interdisciplinary Learning



For the last few weeks of October, we will be identifying Black History Month and identifying influential figures. After this, our new topic this term will be the Vikings! This links perfectly to historical events and also our local area, where we will identify the Battle of Largs, Viking Warriors and traditions associated with Up Helly Aa.

Literacy



In our writing, we are continuing to focus on our sentence structure and the use of capital letters and full stops being used effectively. We are beginning to introduce exclamation mark, question marks and connectives to our stories too. We have been working on Self-Assessing our work through our Success Criteria each week and have managed this really well so far! Primary 4 are very enthusiastic towards their writing and we have now covered setting and characterisation in great depth. This term, our focus will be on functional writing.

With our two spelling groups now up and running, our Smarty Pants will continue to work on a two weekly cycle covering our spelling rules and our Whizz Kids will continue to work on a new sound each week with plenty active work involved to improve their spelling and their strategies. Whizz Kids will also take part in a daily spelling scheme to improve their knowledge and understanding of spelling and phonological awareness. Grammar will continue to be covered on a weekly basis.

Please continue to spend time at home discussing reading books in depth to further assist your child during class work when it comes to Talking and Listening skills. Have a chat about the characters and the setting - this will help your child form their question for homework to share with their group. Our expression is coming along nicely when reading aloud but please continue to enforce this at home.

Numeracy

This term we will be looking at rounding, addition and subtraction (mental models and formal methods). On a Wednesday morning, Miss Kelly will be covering angles, information handling, questionnaires and time.



There will continue to be a daily focus on improving our mental agility and recall through our Number Talks and focusing on a new strategy each week.



Health and Wellbeing

In PE, the children will be working on foot skills (dribbling, passing, shooting) on a Tuesday and racquet ball skills on a Wednesday with Miss Kelly. In Bounce Back, we will be identifying worries and learning skills and strategies to support us during challenging times.

Additional Information:

PE

PE is on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please send your child in with a jacket as PE is still currently taking place outside on a Tuesday, and if for any reason your child cannot take part, please hand a note in to school to make us aware of this.

Homework

Homework is now up and running, and consists of Spelling, Reading and Numeracy. I am still happy for your child to complete their homework during the "soft starts" in a morning if this suits you best as a family and takes some pressure off you. The choice is up to you 😊
Homework is issued on a Monday morning and should be returned on a Thursday.

Glow/Sumdog Log-ins

At the back of your child's homework jotter, you will find their log-ins for Glow/Sumdog. Please allow them to access our new Teams page which I have created for this year - Primary 4 Mrs Chalmers.

Spelling

A weekly assessment will take place on a Friday morning through a spelling test.

Water bottles

Water bottles to be brought in on a daily basis. These will be refilled by the staff throughout the day, when required.

Twitter

Please follow our Class Twitter at: @IP4mrschalmers to see what we are up to throughout our day! It is updated on a daily basis and is a lovely way to show you what we have been up to! Please feel free to like or comment on our posts 😊

Learning Journals

Our Learning Journals will continue to be sent home fortnightly. This is to promote discussion about learning at home and gives the children the perfect opportunity to become a Tiny Teacher! Please return Learning Journals on a Monday in your child's bag for safe keeping.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

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