



## ***St. Francis Primary School***

### ***P.4 Newsletter – November / December 2019***

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.4's Newsletter. We are now well into term 2 and are making good progress with our learning.

I hope this newsletter gives you a feel for what your children will be learning until Christmas and I would be grateful if you could encourage this learning through talking and supporting your child as much as possible.

Please remember to get in touch if you have any questions.

Mrs Hendrie      *Please follow us on Twitter Mrs Hendrie P4 @St\_FrancisPG*



#### **Language**

We will be continuing to read our Bug Club readers and learning to recognise lots of common words. We will focus on reading aloud with increasing fluency and also develop a greater understanding of reading for information.

We have reading targets that will be sent home soon to help you work with your child on various aspects of our reading. We will also be continuing with our reciprocal reading strategies also.

**Spelling** - We will continue to reinforce our spelling phonemes from last year and will be learning new ones through the Active Literacy Writing Programme.

We will also be working to improve our writing skills. We will continue to reinforce the use of nouns, proper nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. We will be learning to use the apostrophe accurately as well as using the correct vocabulary when writing instructions.

Please encourage your child to practise forming letters accurately to improve their handwriting as we continue to join our letters.

Children will also be using their core writing targets during all writing activities.



#### **Maths**

We will be revising **addition**, **subtraction**, **multiplication** and **division** - please practise number bonds and multiplication tables at home.

Our main areas of focus this term will be:

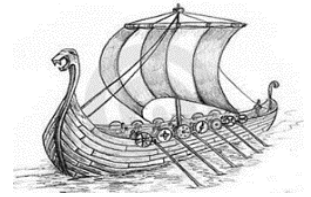
- Telling the time using analogue & digital clocks
- Multiplication
- Choosing strategies to improve mental agility
- HTU addition and subtraction with and without carrying and exchanging.

Please look for opportunities to practise these skills in everyday life.



## Interdisciplinary Learning – The Vikings

We will be continuing to develop a range of skills we have learned from Social History, Geography, ICT, Literacy, Numeracy, Art & Design, Technology, etc. through our Vikings Topic.



Primary 4 will be discussing Christmas traditions and customs, and making many beautiful Christmas works of art.



We will be learning lots of Scottish traditions for St Andrew's Day, e.g. songs and dances as well as also preparing for the Christmas concert.



## Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes so they can make healthy choices in life. We want them to be confident, successful and responsible contributors in our school and in the community.

All children should take part in 2 hours P.E. per week – **Wednesday & Friday.**

**We will be continuing our swimming lessons on a Thursday with our final session being Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

During this term the children will be learning about;

Relationships/friendships

Anti-Bullying

Road safety/traffic



## R.E. – following the Gospel Values

P.4 will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

This is a very special year for us as we prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and The Eucharist.

The focus for this term will be; Advent & Christmas

November – creating our own November list for The Faithful Departed

The children will participate in celebrating mass and will continue to learn mass responses.

A number of activities will be based on the Sunday Gospel readings.

We will be revising and learning a variety of new hymns.

