



Primary 3/4 Newsletter



Literacy



Reading & Writing

This term we will be adapting our method of teaching phonics by embracing 'North Ayrshire Reads' to support reading and writing. We will continue with 'Talk for Writing' to engage children in writing, enabling them to read and write more independently for a variety of purposes. This term's class novel will be 'James and the Giant Peach' which, as well as expanding children's vocabulary, will also provide opportunities to discuss empathy, kindness and collaboration. Children will continue to be encouraged to read for enjoyment by selecting their own novels as well as reading aloud in groups.

Talking & Listening

We will revisit the 5 points of good attention and listening and play games that will help to develop these skills. In addition, our topic will facilitate opportunities for children to present information to the class.

Welcome to Primary 3/4 (11 x P3 pupils & 9 x P4 pupils). This is my second year at this stage: I thoroughly enjoyed my first year and therefore I am sure we will have another great year ahead.

This newsletter provides an outline of what your child will be learning this term. If you have any questions on any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Mrs Brown

Heath and Wellbeing



P.E

Our P.E days are on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. This term our focus will be on Gymnastics, on mats as well as on apparatus. Please ensure that your child brings a PE kit to school on these days, especially appropriate footwear, in order that they can fully participate and benefit from the lessons. Children are able to leave their PE kits in school if preferred.

Mental, Emotional, Social Wellbeing

We have created a Class Charter focusing on our rights and linked these to the UN Convention on the Right of the Child. We will continue to work with the Tree of Knowledge resource to explore topics that will enable pupils to: keep their bodies healthy, develop confidence to make informed decisions and develop emotional intelligence.



Maths and Numeracy

In Numeracy, our focus this term will be on place value (counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers), rounding to the nearest 10/100/1000 and creating and continuing number patterns. We will also estimate answers using a variety of strategies. In Maths, we will be collecting and organising information in a variety of graphs/charts and interpreting the displayed data.

Topic



This term's topic is Space, enabling pupils to explore the physical characteristics of the Earth, Sun and Moon and learn how daily and seasonal cycles like daytime, night and shadows are created. They will investigate key planets and space phenomena and blend science with arts and technology by building rocket models and 3D planets. Pupils will also learn about the force of gravity and how it keeps our feet planted on Earth, holds the planets in orbit and makes floating in space an astronaut's reality.



Modern Languages

This term P3 will be learning their numbers to 30 and P4 will be learning their numbers to 50 with Mrs Ross. They will also learn and revise colours, months of the year and days of the week.



Happy Birthday!



Thomas & Alan - August
Shahin, Brodie, Bohdan & Emma – September
Jack, Jimmy, Conor & Oran - October
We hope you have/had a great birthday!