



Our Class Newsletter



Term 2 : Primary 4

Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a lovely October break. Below are details of the learning experiences for this term. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch, Mr O'Hanlon.



Reminders

Our P.E. days are on a **Monday** and **Thursday** Please could pupils bring a change of kit (shorts and sandshoes/trainers) to get changed into on these days.

Numeracy, spelling and reading homework is given out every **Monday** in jotters and collected on **Friday** of that week.



Numeracy



This term, we will continue to develop our mental maths skills through a variety of fun warm-up activities focusing on the four operations — addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We will be extending our work on rounding numbers and introducing estimation strategies to help pupils make sensible guesses when solving addition and subtraction sums.

We will also be strengthening our understanding of numbers by finding 10 more/10 less and extending this to 100 more/100 less within 1000. Pupils will apply these skills to solve simple real-life word problems, helping them see how maths is used in everyday situations. Pupils will take part in practical, hands-on activities to support their learning and build confidence when working with numbers up to 1000.



Literacy

In Writing, we will be learning how to create procedural texts.

Primary 4 will focus on writing clear instructions by using sequencing words, organising steps in order, and including detail so others can easily carry out their procedures.

Our class novel this term is Windscape by Paul Murdoch, an exciting story set in modern Scotland. It explores themes of courage, friendship and standing up for what is right as the characters uncover a mystery about wind farms. We are enjoying making predictions, visualising the setting and asking thoughtful questions to develop our reading skills.

We will practise a new set of spelling words each week through breaking these up in to syllables and looking at root words. We will also look at developing our sentence writing skills, using different openers and connectives.

Across the Curriculum



This term the pupils in Primary 4 have chosen the topic of Nature. We will be learning about different habitats, exploring how weather affects living things, and discovering the amazing animals that share our planet. We will use a variety of interactive activities, including group projects, science experiments, and creative art tasks to deepen our understanding of the natural world.

The focus in Spanish this term will be developing our conversational skills, using common words and phrases. We will also be learning the vocabulary for classroom nouns, weather and numbers to forty.

In Music we will be developing our knowledge of the different parts of the orchestra and the instruments used. We will also be playing a variety of different instruments in time to the beat of some different styles of music. We will make a soundboard for a spooky song!



RE/Health and Wellbeing

In RE we are learning about Advent, a special time of preparation and hope as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We'll explore the meaning of waiting, kindness, and sharing God's love during this joyful season.

In P.E., there will be a focus on Track & Field/Fitness. We will be developing our strength, coordination, and endurance during fun fitness sessions designed to promote teamwork and a healthy lifestyle.



Rights Respecting Schools

This term, we are taking part in school committees where we work together to represent the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators. Through these committees, we are helping to make our school a safe, respectful, and welcoming place for everyone. We will continue to use our knowledge of Children's Rights to guide our decisions and actions, making sure everyone feels Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, and Included.