



Our Class Newsletter

Term 3 : Primary 4



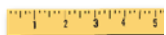
Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a lovely December break and enjoyed the Christmas holidays. Below are details of the learning experiences for this term. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch, Mr O'Hanlon.



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 numeracy skills through a variety of engaging activities. In Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages, pupils will learn to recognise, compare, and convert between these forms, building a strong foundation for future problem-solving.

In Money, we will focus on calculating change and exploring simple budgeting, helping pupils understand the practical uses of money in everyday life.

In Measure, pupils will develop their understanding of length, weight, and volume, applying these skills in practical tasks and real-life contexts. Hands-on activities will support learning and build confidence in using measurement accurately.



Literacy

In Writing, we will be learning how to create information reports. Primary 4 will focus on researching a topic thoroughly, organising facts logically, and presenting information clearly and concisely.

Our class novel this term is Storm by Kevin Cressley Holland. It is an exciting story that encourages us to explore themes such as courage, problem-solving, and resilience. We are enjoying making predictions, visualising the setting, and asking thoughtful questions to develop our reading skills.

We will practise spelling through Active Spelling, focusing on word building using Elkanon boxes and diacritical marking. This approach helps us examine each sound in a word carefully and improves our understanding of spelling patterns.

Across the Curriculum



This term the pupils in Primary 4 have chosen the topic of The Victorians. We will be learning about what life was like during Victorian times, including schools, work, inventions, and daily life for children and families. We will explore the impact of Queen Victoria's reign and how this period helped shape the world we live in today. Pupils will take part in a variety of interactive activities, including research projects, role-play, handling historical sources, and creative tasks to deepen their understanding of Victorian life.

The focus in Spanish this term will be on classroom nouns and simple commands, as well as colours and describing ourselves and others. Pupils will practice using this vocabulary in short conversations and activities to build confidence in speaking and understanding Spanish.

In Music, we will be exploring Scottish songs and learning about music styles from around the world. Pupils will have the opportunity to listen to, perform, and enjoy different musical traditions, while developing their sense of rhythm, pitch, and expression.



RE/Health and Wellbeing

In Religious Education, we are learning about the sacraments and what they mean in our faith. Students will be exploring the significance of the Eucharist as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. We will be learning about Jesus' presence in the Eucharist, the importance of gathering as a community, and how receiving this sacrament helps us grow closer to God.

In P.E., there will be a focus on Gymnastics. Students will be developing their balance, coordination, flexibility, and strength through a variety of fun activities and movement sequences. We will also be working on body control and confidence while encouraging safe movement practices and perseverance.



Rights Respecting Schools

This term, we are preparing for our Burns assembly by practising "A Red, Red Rose" by Robert Burns. We also have a class assembly this term, where we will have the opportunity to share our learning and speak in front of others, helping us grow in confidence. We are beginning our journey of learning about the sacraments, exploring their meaning and importance in our lives. This learning will lead up to some pupils preparing to receive their First Holy Communion.

Throughout these experiences, we are developing our understanding, deepening our faith, and supporting one another on our learning journey.