



Primary 4 Class Newsletter

Term 1 August – November 2026



LITERACY

SPELLING – We are introducing a new phonics/reading initiative called North Ayrshire Reads which will focus on learning new sounds each week through active and oral literacy.

WRITING – We will be writing a variety of texts including recounts, exposition and explanation texts.

READING – Comprehension and reading skills will also be taught through our class novel, 'Danny the Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl.

TALKING AND LISTENING – We will be using a range of resources including SHORs, Oracy and topic work to enhance Talking and Listening.

Ideas to support Literacy at home

- Encourage your child to read a wide variety of different genres including fiction and non-fiction.
- You could join the local library.

NUMERACY AND MATHS

Number & Number Processes - Place Value up to 10 000.

Estimating & Rounding – Rounding three digit numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.

Properties of shape including 2D shape – Investigating quadrilaterals, 3D shape – prisms and pyramids.

Addition and Subtraction – using three digit numbers with standard written methods. Mental addition and subtraction strategies within 100.

Expressions and Equations - using greater than, less than, equal to and not equal to.

Time – 12 hour clock linking with the 24 hour clock. Daily routines and schedules.

Ideas to support Numeracy at home

Practise number bonds to ten and 2,3,4,5 and 10 times tables.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We will be exploring that there are factors that can positively and negatively affect how we feel e.g. sleep, change and loss, worries, friendships, family relationships, state of health etc.

In P.E. we will be enhancing our skills in netball and ball skills. Our P.E. days are **Mondays (both P4s) and Wednesday (P4G) or Friday (P4P)**. Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit, labelled with their name, including t-shirt, shorts or joggers and indoor gym shoes or trainers. All jewellery must be removed by your child, Plasters or tape may be used to cover earrings that cannot be removed.

IDL (INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING)

This term or Topic will be Discover Irvine and Marymass. We will be learning about the history of Marymass including Mary Queen of Scots, The Carters Society, The Eglinton Tournament and Clydesdale horses. If you have any connection to Marymass or Clydesdales that your child could share with the class that would be much appreciated. As part of the topic, we will be making Marymass floats. Any shoe boxes or cereal boxes would be greatly appreciated. These should be brought into school no later than the week beginning 28th September.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dates for the diary:

Monday 21st September: IN SERVICE DAY, school closed to pupils.

W/C 28th September: boxes to be handed into class.

Monday 12th – Friday 16th October - HOLIDAY

Friday 20th, Monday 23rd November: HOLIDAY

Tuesday 24th November: IN SERVICE DAY, school closed to pupils.