

Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



Class Newsletter

responsiBility

grAitude

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

huMility and forgiveness

perseverAnce

Love

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

hOnesty and generosity

Compassion and respeCt

friendsHiP & family

A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Welcome parents and carers to Primary 4's newsletter for Term 1.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child back to school after a well-earned break. We hope you had a lovely summer holiday. The children have all come back refreshed, focussed and settled well into new class routines. We are looking forward to getting to know the children and we will be continuing to grow as individuals through looking at our school values. Please find useful information below about what the key focusses of term 1 will be.



What I am learning this term:

Health and Wellbeing



PE and Sport: Ball skills and team games
HWB: Safe and Healthy
RRS Articles: Article 2,3,12,13,28,29,30 & 31
Values: Friendship, Gratitude & Honesty

Expressive Arts



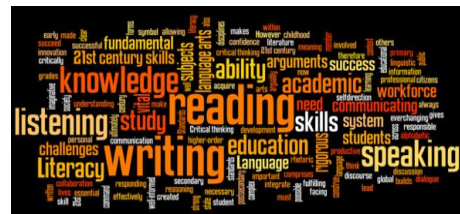
Art & Design: Relating to Titanic Topic & seasonal art.
Drama: Titanic Topic (assembly)
Music: Titanic Topic - looking at music from that time.

Numeracy and Mathematics



We will revise previously taught skills from Primary 3 and assess before progressing.
Numbers: Place Value & Addition
2D Shapes & 3D objects
Angles, Transformation & Symmetry.

Literacy and Languages



Listening and Talking: Building relationships with our peers.
Reading: Your child will be following on from where they have finished in Primary 3 and continue to progress going forward.
Writing: Recount, Narrative & Persuasive
Grammar & Punctuation: Uplevelling sentences and continuing core writing targets and adding in more sophisticated punctuation.
Phonics & Spelling: Following early term assessments, children have been placed into spelling groups and your child should know which group they are in. The children will write their spelling words in their homework jotter at the start of each week.
Modern Languages: We will use conversational French in class, revising previous learning and we will work on learning larger numbers, colours, days and months, and seasons.

Science and Investigation





P4 STEM box - engaging in a variety of STEM activities. We will also explore digital safety and the importance of this as we are now living in a digital society

Religious and Moral Education



World Religions: Hinduism with a focus on the Ganesh Chaturthi Festival. The children will have opportunities to conduct personal research and engage in their religion and culture.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Technologies</u></p>  <p>Computing: Cyber resilience and internet safety</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Social Studies</u></p>  <p>People, Past Events and Societies: Titanic. We will be delving into history, looking at people and social class, undertaking science experiments, and getting an idea of what life on board the Titanic would have been like through the Expressive Arts. Pupils will also be encouraged to suggest what they would like to learn within this topic. We hope to host our class assembly on the retelling of the Titanic story in October - prior to the October break. You will be given information about this in due course.</p>

Homework:

Each term a grid will be uploaded with a variety of homework activities, these tasks are optional and can be returned to class for correction. The main emphasis of homework is reading. Each child should complete a minimum of 20 minutes reading per night which will support reading activities in school. Please note that Novel Studies cannot go home with the children, but all are welcome to pick a book from our class library and take this home to read.

Class Charter:

As a Rights Respecting School and as a School of Character, our classes have determined and agreed upon their own Class Charter to ensure everyone's rights are being met and to encourage a positive and productive learning environment. Our Positive Relationships and Behaviour policy has been devised to reflect the views of all stakeholders and ensure our school values are reflected in all aspects of school life.

Optional Homework Activity

Titanic Shoebox Project!

As part of our Titanic learning, we are challenging the children to create a 'diorama' of the inside of the Titanic. This could be the grand staircase, 1st, 2nd or 3rd class cabins or anything else your child may be interested in.

If these could be handed in by Friday 27th September prior to the class assembly.

Please don't buy anything for this - use anything you have at home or recyclable materials - we can't wait to see what you all come up with!

Examples below:

