

Primary 4 Newsletter

March 2024

Dear Parents,

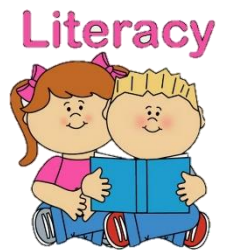
I'm sure you will agree that it is quite unbelievable that we are already in March and the children only have one more term left in Primary 4 ... what a quick year!

This final term is always the busiest for them but is also a lot of fun!

This newsletter will give you an insight into some of what is happening in your child's final term.

Literacy

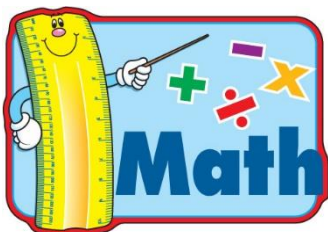
Reading - The children will focus once again on fiction books and will have the opportunity to further develop their skills in using the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy Comprehension Strategies, looking more closely at an author's skill and technique. They will bring a reading book home with homework and your support with this is greatly appreciated.



Writing - In Writing the children will focus on the genres of Persuasive and Explanations.

They will also continue to be encouraged to 'up-level' their daily writing through use of punctuation, conjunctions, adjectives, and adverbs. They will also focus on the use of paragraphs both in text they read in and their own writing.

Talking and Listening - Talking and Listening will be carried out using 'Making Thinking Visible' (MTV) activities.



Maths

The main concepts the children will focus on this term are:

Time; Data and Analysis; Chance and Uncertainty; Angles and Money

Daily Mental Maths will operate within the class through:

Big Maths - focusing on recall of number concepts taught throughout the year and on Times Tables. The repetition of these concepts has proved to be hugely successful in the children retaining the main number concepts and being able to transfer the skills into their daily Math work.

Number Talks - in lessons, daily class discussion of number and the different strategies and calculations used to find an answer.

Problem Solving - continues every Thursday with Mrs McNab.

Could you please ensure that all Times Tables continue to be reinforced at home? The children who can recall their tables confidently, always find their work is easier because many of the concepts this term heavily involve the use of them, and they can transfer their knowledge at a quicker pace.



P.E. - Monday and Thursday

Please remind your child to take responsibility for packing their kit in their bag on a Sunday night ready to be left in the cloakroom for the week ahead.

Outdoor Learning

Now that the better weather will hopefully be upon us, we will take the opportunity to be learning outdoors more. The children can leave a poly-bag in the cloakroom with an old pair of joggies, spare socks and wellies if they have them. A waterproof jacket is always good to have too.



Homework

As you will know, we are encouraging the children to commit fully to their homework and to be responsible for bringing in their completed jotters for the Friday of each week. We are extremely grateful for your support in this and know that you also understand how important it is to the depth of their learning. If you could continue to sign their homework each week and check their spelling test result when it comes back home.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

We look forward to celebrating with some of the children and their families on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st April. In the meantime, a huge thank you for all your support to the children with their workbook at home. Such a special and exciting time in their lives!



As always, if you have a concern, worry, or just want to ask a question, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We count ourselves incredibly lucky and feel extremely privileged to teach this class; they are a fantastic bunch of children!

We would both like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support and kindness so far throughout the year.

Kind regards,
Joanne McLennan and Karen McNab