# Buzzbee's news about P4



## What are we learning this term?

#### Maths:

Children will continue to reinforce their knowledge and recall of times table facts, with a focus on the 2, 4 and 8 times tables. The children will progress to applying their multiplication skills to solve more complex problems and link this with division. Children will also be adding and subtracting within 1000 using partitioning and a written method to help solve these. Towards the end of term 1, we will be plotting locations on grids and looking at symmetry, including symmetrical pictures, patterns and shapes. We will be starting a new programme called Samson Maths this term to help develop our Mental Maths ability and understanding of number.

#### <u>Literacy:</u>

In spelling we will focus on all of the different phonemes which make similar sounds. For example: -face rain play they great. Our spelling works in a 4 week rotation with weeks 1 and 2 focusing on phonemes, week 3 is common words and week 4 is a spelling rule. In reading, we will be emphasising reading for understanding and introducing the different comprehension strategies. To introduce these, we will read through our book study of the 'The Sheep Pig.' Most children will be issued with a weekly home reading book this term and are encouraged to read for enjoyment for at least 15 minutes every night. This term we will be focusing on writing recounts, narrative and explanation.

<u>Interdisciplinary Topic:</u> This term we will be investigating 'Farm to Fork' to tie in with our class novel. We will look at a variety of farm animals as well as different types of farms and farm produce, including the journey from the farm to our fork.

<u>RME</u>: Our RME topic this term is looking at key figures in world religions. We will be learning about important people in Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism and Sikhism. Primary 4 pupils will also participate in our Harvest performance by supporting the Primary 3 pupils with the songs.

<u>Music:</u> Mrs Henderson will teach the children how to play some simple chords on the ukulele. Children will have the opportunity to join the ukulele orchestra after the October break.

# P.E

P4R - Tuesday and Wednesday

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Please note, P4 will have swimming lessons at Prestwick Swimming Pool on a Wednesday therefore this takes place of our gym slot on a Wednesday for 10 weeks.

Remember, you can leave your gym bag with shorts and gym shoes / trainers in school.

## Things to remember:

<u>Water bottles:</u> Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please remember it should only be water and not flavoured water or diluting juice.

<u>Home Learning</u> - Home Learning will begin soon and it is expected to be completed each week. Reading books will be given home too. Homework will be <u>issued on a Monday</u> and <u>collected on a Thursday.</u>

<u>School Uniform</u>: Children are required to wear school uniform, please ensure items are labelled to reduce clothes getting mixed up.