

Room 4 - Term 2

Newsletter

Literacy

This term we will continue to think about what makes a good sentence (capital letters, finger spaces and full stops). We are beginning to independently add aspects of VCOP to create more interesting sentences and will continue to develop this throughout all our writing tasks by making better vocabulary choices, adding connectives, using openers which are more exciting and different punctuation.

Room 4 are working on Active Literacy Stage 3 and 2. We learn a new phoneme each week however we will continue to recall our sounds using a variety of strategies to practice accurate spelling of both phoneme and common words.

We will continue to develop our written grammar by looking at adjectives, nouns and verbs, and how we use these in everyday writing.

Each group will get a new Banded book weekly and as a class I will continue to read "The Abominables" by Eva Ibbotson.

Numeracy

Each day we practice our core numeracy skills including counting, adding and subtracting. We participate in a wealth of oral activities to build our fluency within number to create a firm base on which to proceed.

We have begun to investigate adding numbers using rounding; $46 + 9 = 46 + 10 - 1$, which the children are building on daily to include adapting the strategy for use with subtraction problems. We will develop our addition and subtraction skills to use a more formal, column method with and without bridging.

In Beyond Number, Room 4 will look closer at data handling, its use in our everyday lives, reading charts/graphs and creating our own data. We will also look at weight, how to use different types of scales and the purpose of using weight as a measurement.

**Miss Maclean & Mrs
Colquhoun**

Primary 3

Health And Wellbeing

During this term the will learn Food Health. The children will have the opportunity to learn about: hygiene, food nutrition, health and safety when cooking and following recipes.

Each week, we will have 2 gym slots (Monday PM and Friday AM) for PE which will be indoors for the, please ensure your child has appropriate shoes. We will have an additional 30 minute session outside on a Tuesday. We will work on continuing to develop hand-eye coordination skills through team games: basketball and hockey.

Other Curricular Areas

Social Studies – This term our topic will be the SSPCA. The children will learn: how charities run, what the charity does and how to care for animals.

Sciences – The class will learn about Forces, Electricity & Waves: making electrical circuits and magnets.

Expressive Arts – In music the children will have the opportunity to sing Christmas songs and learn about musical notes. In Art the children will look at scale and perspective. In drama the children will have opportunities to develop their use of dialogue and improvisation when acting.

Technologies – The children will be developing their food and textile skills: preparing recipes and discussing equipment used.

R.M.E – The children will learn about Holy Books: The Bible, The Torah and The Quran.

Important Information

It has been lovely to get to know all the children since the start of term. If there is anything that you wish to communicate to me, please note it in your child's Ready Steady Learn which will be sent home weekly. Please take time to discuss with your son/daughter any comments made by myself in the RSL and sign and return it to school on Monday morning.

Please ensure that any clothing or personal items such as lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name and class to prevent them from getting lost. I encourage all children to take their water bottle home every evening to allow them to be properly cleaned and filled with fresh water for the next day.

