

Primary 4/5 Newsletter

January - March 2017

Last term we had a busy time learning many new things in Primary P4/5. We hope that this newsletter will give you a flavour of the learning that will be taking place this term.



Numeracy & Maths

- Estimate and check calculations.
- Solve problems using knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.
- Identify and use common fractions, decimal fractions and percentages.
- Add, subtract and multiply using money.
- Explore the concepts of budget, cost, debit and credit in relation to money in the real world now and in the past.

Interdisciplinary Learning

- Understand the difference between a Primary and Secondary source.
- Investigate what life was like in Scotland (and UK) during Roman times to help build a picture of Scotland's heritage and chronology.
- Investigate the different technologies used by the Romans and what impact this had on Scotland.
- Make comparisons between our daily lives and the lives of the Romans.
- Develop drawing skills linked with Roman warfare.
- Prepare and Cook different types of Roman food.

Literacy & English



Reading:

- Respond to and create a variety of questions.
- Understand and apply a range of comprehension strategies – focus on predicting, visualisation and inference.

Writing:

- Persuasive writing
- Developing writing from a different point of view.
- VCOP – focus on applying punctuation knowledge.

Listening & Talking:

- Listen to information and sort under sub-headings.
- Deliver a class talk.

Grammar:

- Compare text written in past, present and future tense.
- Identify similes and metaphors.
- Use brackets and commas.

Spelling:

- Learning different spelling patterns (e.g. tion, sion, ing, th).
- Use various resources (e.g. dictionaries, VCOP wall) to check own learning.

Health & Wellbeing

- Learning Tai Chi to demonstrate strategies to promote mindfulness and a healthy lifestyle.
- Recognise the importance of hygiene when preparing and serving food.
- We will be taking part in a 'health in the hall' with Mr Barrowman on a Tuesday. We will continue to develop our understanding of our mental social and emotional health in our daily lives.

Additional Information

- Homework will now be issued on a Monday, due in on the following Monday. Homework will be marked and handed back out on the same day. This allows the pupils a full week plus weekend to spread out their learning. This will start from Monday the 9th of January.
- We will also now have P.E. on a Monday and Thursday this term.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school blog, school office, email or your child's homework diary and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,
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