

# Primary 4 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2015

Welcome to Term 1 in Primary 4. I hope you have all had a peaceful and relaxing summer, and are feeling ready for our first term of this session. Last term, the children's learning experiences included investigations in to how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. For the first two weeks of term, we have been building our class community, establishing routines, settling back in to life at school and getting to know each other. Our IDL context this term is The Rainforest and we are looking forward to learning about life in The Rainforest and our trip to Edinburgh Zoo to consolidate this learning.

Mrs Mackie  
P4 Teacher.

## English & Literacy

This term, we will be developing our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), handwriting and spelling. The children will be using up-leveiling techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment.

Through the IDL context of The Rainforest, our writing will focus on a variety of genres including description of a scene, fact files, letter writing, instructions and advertisements.

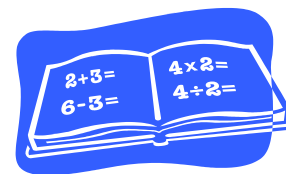
Our reading in term 1 will focus on Higher Order Thinking Skills, skimming and scanning and non-fiction texts. Homework activities will be linked to reading skills and will be due every Friday.



## Maths & Numeracy

This term, our grouped maths work will focus on place value and addition and subtraction

In connection with the IDL topic of The Rainforest and Money Week, pupils will be looking in more depth at finance and budgeting, profit and loss as well as information handling.



## Interdisciplinary Learning: The Rainforest

This term our context for learning is The Rainforest. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of social studies, literacy and expressive arts. The key questions we will look at are:

- Where is the rainforest and what is it?
- Who and what lives there?
- How does the rainforest benefit us?
- Why is it in danger?
- What can we do to help?

## Additional Information

P.E. with Mrs Mitchell will be on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days. This includes clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers).

## Trip to the Zoo

P4 will be visiting Edinburgh Zoo to consolidate their learning on The Rainforest in a real life context through learning about how animals adapt to their environment. This will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please ensure that children have suitable clothing, a jacket and a packed lunch.

## Homework

Spelling, reading and maths homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. A range of Rainforest activities have been provided and at least 3 of these should be completed by 16<sup>th</sup> October.