

Primary 4 Learning Letter: Term 4



Dear Parent/Carer,

April 2016

Welcome to Term 4 in Primary 4. We are very much looking forward to working with Primary 4 over the next few weeks. The highlights of last term included hearing from specialist speakers linked to our Grand Designs topic, our NYCOS workshops and attending the benchball Sports Festival. This term we have started our new IDL context for learning Project Planetarium and we investigating ways we can share our learning using Glow. We are looking forward to our session with Cosmos Planetarium. You can follow our learning on the school blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/mcps/category/learning-stories/primary-4/>

Miss Burton and Mrs Redmond

P4 Teachers

English & Literacy

This term, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), handwriting and spelling. The children will be continuing to use up-levelling techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment. Our writing will link to our IDL context of Space and will allow to children to explore genres such as biographies, fact files, diaries and science fiction story writing.

In reading this term the children will be studying a class novel, The Legend of Spud Murphy. We will focus on key aspects of the book such as, characters, humour, themes and how the story is told. The children will also research the author, Eoin Colfer and will discuss their own book preferences.

Group reading homework will be handed out on Thursday and will be due in the following Wednesday.

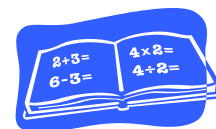


Maths & Numeracy

This term, our numeracy sessions will focus on multiplication and division and fractions, chance and uncertainty and probability. To support this at home, regular revision of the times tables and related division facts would be beneficial.

In our class Maths this term the focus will be on journeys/directions, grid references and angles.

Through our IDL context, we will explore scale and data handling. This links to our whole school Science, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focus.



Interdisciplinary Learning

This term our context for learning is Project Planetarium. This will have a Science, Technologies and Maths focus.

The key questions to be explored are:

1. How do the sun and moon affect the length of the day, month, year and seasons?
2. What does the solar system look like?
3. What are the features of the different planets?
4. How and why do people become astronauts?
5. How have space crafts changed over time and what are their features?

Additional Information

P.E. will be on Mondays and Thursdays this term. On Mondays, P4 will take part in Futsal sessions and on Thursdays we will be developing skills in athletics. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days. On a Monday pupils should come to school wearing their gym kit so that they are ready for Futsal. This includes clothing suitable for taking part in P.E. outdoors in inclement weather (i.e. jogging bottoms, waterproofs and trainers).

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Primary 4 will be taking part in the trial of Bring Your Own Device this term. BYOD will develop our knowledge of how to use devices appropriately and responsibly, help us to develop home school links and will allow us to personalise our learning. In order to keep our pupils, staff and devices as safe as possible, all children participating must return the signed Responsible Use Contract, along with the parental permission form. Please check the school blog for updates of our progress.

Homework

Spelling and maths homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. Reading homework will be handed out on Thursdays and is due in the following Wednesday. This term we encourage you to log on to www.sumdog.co.uk to practise mental maths and reading skills. Each child has their own login.