

Primary 4 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2016

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. We have spent the first two weeks of term building our community and we had a focus on the value of responsible. Our IDL context this term is Crazy Climates and we are looking forward to learning about the weather and climate in The Rainforest, The Arctic and Scotland. Our trip to Dynamic Earth on 3rd October will consolidate this learning.

Miss Prior & Ms Richmond
P4 Teachers

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-levelling techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment.

Through the IDL context of climates our writing will focus on a variety of non-fiction genres including fact-files, letter, poem postcards.

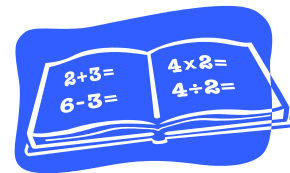
Our reading in term 1 will focus on skimming and scanning and non-fiction texts. We will be reading non-fiction texts and making notes in our own words to demonstrate our understanding. Homework activities will be linked to reading skills.



Maths & Numeracy

This term maths work will focus on place value and addition and subtraction. We will consolidate our mental calculations and extend this to look at written methods.

In connection with the IDL topic of Crazy Climates pupils will be looking at information handling, they will record, display and analyse their weather findings.



Interdisciplinary Learning: Crazy Climates

This term our context for learning is Crazy Climates. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of Social Studies, Language and Technologies. The key questions we will look at are:

- Why do we have different climates?
- What is the difference between weather and climate?
- How can we measure our weather?
- What are the features of a rainforest?
- What are the features of arctic regions?

Additional Information

Outdoor P.E for both classes will be on a Wednesday and indoor P.E. is on a Thursday. 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).

Dalguise

There will be a parent information evening for parents of pupils going to Dalguise on Thursday 15th September.

Homework

Spelling and Maths homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. Reading homework will depend on the group's reading day. P4 will use a Homework Diary to record their homework tasks, please sign when completed.