

Primary 4 Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2016

Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 4. All of the children have settled well into P4 and we are looking forward to a busy and fun term 2. The highlights of last term included our Crazy Climates context, a trip to Dynamic Earth and our P4/5 school camp to Dalguise. All pupils have also now joined a Junior Leadership Team and look forward to making positive changes within our school this year.

Miss Prior & Ms Richmond
P4 Teachers

English & Literacy

This term, through the IDL context of 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl, Primary 4 will be focusing on and developing a variety of key reading skills. This includes questioning, predicting, making connections, visualising and determining the importance.

Our writing will focus on various genres that will allow us to apply what we have learned through the context of our IDL. This term, we will explore character descriptions, settings, advertisements and story endings.

This term, we will also be continuing to develop our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), as well as our handwriting and spelling. The children also be using up-levelling techniques to improve the standard of their writing.

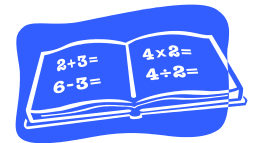


Maths & Numeracy

This term, our numeracy work will focus on multiplication, division and rounding. We will also continue to develop our mental agility through Number Talks, mental maths games and verbal recall.

In our wider maths this term, the focus will be on measure, looking specifically at length, weight and capacity.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular times tables revision and links to maths in real life contexts. Sumdog is also a fantastic resource to develop children's mental agility and quick recall of maths facts. Purple Mash also has a wide variety of maths games, including Table Toons which is a fun way to learn your times tables. Each child has their Purple Mash and Sumdog passwords in their homework diary.



Interdisciplinary Learning: George's Marvellous Medicine

This term our context for learning is Roald Dahl's novel, George's Marvellous Medicine. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of literacy, expressive arts and technologies. The key questions we will look at are:

1. Who are the main characters in the book, what are their key characteristics and how does the author show this to the reader?
2. How and why does George make his medicine and what is its effect? Is this a realistic effect?
3. What are persuasive techniques and how are these used to promote a product?
4. How does the author use language to help the reader to create images in their mind?
5. What are the key themes/messages from the story? What connections can we make to real life?

Additional Information

This term, our outdoor PE days will be Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child brings clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors in colder weather (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers). Spelling and Maths homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday.

Reading homework will be given on a Tuesday and is to be completed for the following Tuesday. A homework diary will be used to record their homework tasks. Please sign when completed.

Novel Natters with Nana and Papa

We would like to invite our Grandparents to come into school on Monday 21st November for a 'Novel Natters' sessions where the children will read a variety of texts with a relative.

iAchieve

P4 have been using our iAchieve blog to share and track our achievements inside and outside of school.

You can find out more and download a copy of the level 4 iAchieve sheet on our school blog:
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/mcps/2016/10/09/iachieve-in-p4/>