

# Primary 4 Newsletter

August - October 2019



We hope you had a great summer holiday! Welcome to Primary 4. This is what we will be learning this term...



## Numeracy & Maths

This term the main focus for Maths will be time and reading calendars. The children will be developing skills in reading o'clock, half past, quarter past and to the hour, as well as five minute intervals. Children will also develop skills in calculating time intervals and making timetables.

In Numeracy, we will be looking at place value and working with larger numbers. We will also use this knowledge of place value when adding and subtracting. We will be learning different strategies for Mental Maths through Number Talks.

## Literacy & English

Reading will be heard in school on a Tuesday and a Thursday.

In Reading, we will be working on reading aloud. We will focus on reading with expression, using punctuation in the text to help with this. We will also use clues in the text to decode or work out unknown words.

In Writing, our focus will be on functional and imaginative writing linked to our topic. We will concentrate on sentence structure, organisation and the presentation of our writing.

In Grammar and Punctuation we will be revisiting VCOP and further building on our knowledge to improve our writing.

We are also going to work hard to improve our spelling. There will be words home to learn every fortnight in line with Home Learning and we will also be playing spelling games in class to reinforce these and our common words.

## Interdisciplinary Learning



This term our main interdisciplinary learning focus will be Africa and Nelson Mandela.

We aim to learn about different aspects of life in the different countries that make up Africa. We will also be researching different eco-systems that allow all the different species of plants and animals to develop.

Our Art lessons will be linked to our topic and we hope to show you all the wonderful pieces of art we will be creating throughout the term!

## Health & Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing lessons will be delivered once a week through the Jigsaw program. This will give us opportunities to discuss our achievements and settling in to our new class. This term we will be working on rugby skills; such as passing, throwing and catching, shooting and playing as part of a team. Mrs Howard will be developing team and dance skills on a Tuesday.



## Additional Information

P.E will take place on a Tuesday and Friday. Children should come to school dressed ready for P.E both indoors and outdoors – shorts under tracksuit bottoms and t-shirt under school jumper. If you don't have gym rubbers in school, please send a pair with your child. Please remember to label all clothing (including indoor shoes).

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 reading record and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,  
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