

Primary 4 Newsletter

October – December 2019

We hope you had a great October break! This is what we are going to be doing this term.

Numeracy and Maths

This term the Maths topic will focus on area. We will be looking at ways to calculate using counting squares and also using formulae for more complex shapes. We will also include problem solving and practical activities.

In Numeracy, we will be looking at how we use money to pay for items and how we can work out how much change we should receive. We will also investigate how we manage money through different scenarios. We will be continuing with place value and number work.

Literacy

In reading, we will be learning how to identify different types of punctuation and grammar within our reading books and texts. We will also be focusing on discussions about the story, asking questions and creating our own questions to ask.

In writing, we will be looking at instructional and procedural texts then learning how to write them for our own purposes. This will be linked to our topic through writing fact-files on what the children have researched.

In Primary 4 our reading focus will be on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. Please keep reading books and reading records in school bags.

Expressive Arts

This term we will be learning Scottish country dancing building on skills learnt in previous years. The children will be performing country dancing for their Christmas party.

This term the children will be learning musical notation and rhythmic skills through visits from NYCOS (National Youth Choir of Scotland)

Social Studies

Our topic this term is 'Food and Festivals' The children will decide how their learning will look through child centred planning.

This term we will explore the different ways festivals are celebrated in various cultures and religions and making links to children's own experiences.

The children will look at different types of food chains and food webs and will have opportunities to create their own for a specific habitat.

Children will have opportunities to use ICT to research and take notes to create wall displays and deliver presentations about their learning.

Health & Wellbeing

Our Health and Wellbeing will be focused through a forum of discussion using Jino the Jigsaw piece. Children are encouraged to work out different social scenarios that will benefit them in school and beyond.

P.E. will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday. This term our focus will be on dance and better movers and thinkers.

RME

This term we will be exploring how different religions celebrate their festivals. Through this we will be making links to our topic of food and how significant it is to religious celebrations. This will include: Diwali, Guru Nanak's birthday and Christmas.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school blog, school office or email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,

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