

# Primary 4 Newsletter

October – December 2020

We hope you had a great October break! Here is a look at our learning this term.

## Numeracy and Maths

This term our maths topic will focus on time. We will be looking at both analogue and digital clocks. We will be using timers to time activities and we will be exploring time intervals. Why don't you ask us what time it is?

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 develop our understanding of addition and subtraction through this context also.

## Social Studies

Our topic this term is '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 make links to children's own experiences.

The children will engage in food preparation, ensuring that we follow current guidelines.

Children will have opportunities to use ICT for research.

## 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, Hanukah, Sukkot and Christmas.

## 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 our reading books, answering questions and creating our own questions to ask.

In Writing, we will be writing Narrative texts, applying features of different story genre e.g. sci-fi, spooky and fantasy. We will also be looking at writing letters.

We will continue our work in Listening and Talking, improving our listening, concentration and visual memory skills.

In French, our focus will be on colours and clothing. We make links to topic lessons in French when possible and use French vocabulary in classroom instructions.

In Primary 4 our reading focus will be on a **Monday and Thursday**. Please keep reading books and reading records in school bags each day as there may be opportunities for extra reading or other linked activities.

## Expressive Arts

Through expressive arts we will be using dance and drama to explore ideas and story themes linked to topic. We will share our thoughts and feelings in a creative way. There will also be opportunities to give and receive feedback on performances. In Art, we will use a variety of media to express ideas related to festivals we have learned about.

## Health & Wellbeing

Through Health and Wellbeing Jigsaw lessons we will be learning to recognise and celebrate our differences.

P.E. will continue to be on a Monday and Thursday.

Children should be dressed for **all weathers** as P.E. lessons will take place outside. We will be playing 'Foot-Golf' and team invasion games.

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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