

P4 Class Newsletter – Term One

Dear families,

Welcome back to what is going to be an exciting and busy year in P4.

We welcome your support and co-operation and look forward to the school year and meeting you all in due course.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Literacy and English

This term in writing we are concentrating on newspaper reports and recount writing. The children will be encouraged to use VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) to improve their writing skills. In handwriting, the children will also be encouraged to use linked script to aid better presentation of work.

We will be exploring the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' as part of our topic and the children will also be reading in groups which will give them the opportunity to discuss their books and share their opinions.

Numeracy and Mathematics

We will be using our Maths No Problem scheme where the children will be working together to develop their understanding of the following concepts through problem solving and real-life context questions.

This term we will be focusing on place value. The children will be working to sequence, read, write and order large numbers to 1000.

We will then move on to reinforce and consolidate mental and written addition and subtraction.

Health and Wellbeing

PE with Mr Fullarton is on a Tuesday. We will also have PE on a Wednesday morning where we will focus on team building activities and games. Children should come to school in their PE or sports wear for our PE session in the morning and bring their school uniform to change into after.

In class, we will be discussing friendships to build the children's understanding of their own and others actions and words.

We will focus on these topics through circle times, role-play and drama activities.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This term our topic is Chocolate which the children are already excited about and have shared lots of their ideas about what they would like to learn. Therefore we will be exploring the history of chocolate, how it is made and taking part in design and invention activities!

We will be doing taste test activities with chocolate so if your child has any allergies or intolerances please let us know.

We are pleased to have Drama this term and a music session on a Thursday.

Supporting Learning at Home

This term, you can support your child with the following:

Numeracy and Mathematics

The practise of quick recall of number bonds is encouraged to aid progress in number work.

Top Marks

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/addition-and-subtraction>

Lots of games to practice number bonds and place value.

Literacy and English

Children will continue to work on reading in school and will have reading to complete at home each week which will be recorded in their reading diaries which should be signed.

Please also read for pleasure at home, including newspapers, magazines, comics and non-fiction as well as novels.

The children will also have spelling homework which will be updated every week in their jotters with the sound and words we are focusing on in class. At home, your child should complete an activity from the spelling menu provided.

Kind regards,

Miss Kelman and Miss Davidson