

P4 Newsletter – Term Two

This will be another busy term and we are sure the P4s will continue to work hard in all our learning. We look forward to meeting you all at the upcoming parent meetings. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Literacy and English

In writing, we will concentrate on imaginative writing, including effective descriptions and writing in the style of a diary. We will then move onto factual writing using our research skills to create a fact file.

We will continue with our reading groups and this term we will be focusing on fiction texts before moving onto exploring the features of non-fiction texts. The children will have the opportunity to read aloud to develop their fluency and expression, discuss the text and complete activities to show their understanding.

Numeracy and Mathematics

In numeracy this term we will continue to reinforce and consolidate mental and written addition and subtraction. We will then move onto multiplication and division. We will do lots of practice to learn our times tables (3,4 and 8). We will also explore the relationship between the two operations and use them to solve simple word problems.

Health and Wellbeing

PE will continue to be with Mr Fullarton on Tuesdays. The children are learning about health-related fitness during a block of work on circuit training. They will also be focusing on social dancing in the lead up to Christmas. We will also continue to have PE on a Wednesday morning where we will focus on developing netball skills. 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.

Please ensure your child has a full change of PE kit, including indoor shoes. These should have non-marking soles.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This term we are going to be learning all about Under the Sea. We will be exploring the layers of the ocean and investigating the habitats and animals that live in our oceans. The children will be researching an animal of their choice and presenting this information in different ways. We will also consider how pollution affects our oceans and what we can do to help.

We are pleased to continue to have Drama this term.

We will also be learning about the Christmas story and exploring different Christmas traditions around the world.

Supporting Learning at Home

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

Numeracy and Mathematics

Practice times tables verbally, from memory, whenever possible.

Top Marks

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Lots of games to practice times table fluency in a fun and engaging way.

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 continue to 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.

Top Marks

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

As well as maths games, this site also has different spelling and grammar games to play.

Kind Regards,

Miss Kelman and Miss Davidson