

P4 Class Newsletter – Term 3

Happy New Year to you all. We are now entering our 3rd term of Primary 4 and have a busy term to look forward to together. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Literacy and English

In writing, we are focusing on imaginative writing where we will develop the children's understanding of the structure of a story and writing more in depth. We will also explore functional writing through our topic work.

We will be reading our class novel this term 'Brain Freeze' where the children will be exploring the characters, setting and plot through reflective reading tasks. We will also continue our reading groups where the children will have the opportunity to read different types of texts and develop their reading skills and understanding. The groups will be reading out loud to encourage fluency and expression.

Numeracy and Mathematics

Throughout this term we will be consolidating our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as practising quick recall of number bonds, times tables and the strategies to use.

We will focus on developing the children's understanding of length, weight and volume where they will be reading various scales and writing in different units of measure.

Health and Wellbeing

P4s will continue to have PE with Mr Fullarton on Tuesdays this term where the children will be developing their gymnastics skills. Please ensure your child has a full change of PE kit, including indoor shoes. These should have non-marking soles. We will also have PE on Wednesdays where we will be learning about dance techniques and sequences to create a performance.

This term in class we will be exploring friendships and the qualities of a good friend. We will discuss differences and similarities we have with others and the importance of showing respect to others.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This term we are going to begin the year by focusing on Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about the history of the Egyptian pyramids, the important people of this time period including the Pharaohs and exploring the daily life of the Egyptians to enable us to compare it to our own lives.

We are pleased to continue to have Drama this term and we will also have Science on a Tuesday.

Supporting Learning at Home

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

Numeracy and Mathematics

Continue to practice number bonds and times tables verbally, from memory, whenever possible.

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/arithmetic>

This website has excellent videos to explain a variety of mathematical concepts. There are levelled quizzes your child can work through to practice their skills. Start at the beginning and work through the tasks to ensure your child understands.

Topmarks

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

This website provides games to play to extend the children's learning of length, weight and volume.

Literacy and English

Children will continue to work on reading in school and be given homework every week, please sign once completed in the children's diaries.

Spelling home learning will continue to be given out at the start of every week and should be returned on a Friday.

The children will also have selected a book from the school library which can be read at home for pleasure.

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.

BBC Bitesize

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/