**P4 Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to P4, my name is Miss Jessica Airlie and I will be your child’s teacher this academic year. I hope you all enjoyed the nice weather we had during the holidays, the children have certainly enjoyed sharing their summer news. I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead watching them flourish and progress through their time in primary 4.

**Our Timetable:**

The class will have:

Monday: **Assembly**

Tuesday: **Library fortnightly**

Wednesday: **P.E.** with myself and **Problem Solving** with Mrs Rennie

Friday: **P.E.** with Mrs Muir and **Golden Time**

We will also have Mrs Robertson supporting the work we do in class.

**![MCj04260540000[1]]()Library:**

The class will visit the library every second **Tuesday.** Please ensure your child takes their library books back for their next visit**.**

**Class Responsibilities:**

P4 have been discussing their responsibilities in order to create and maintain a safe and purposeful learning environment. Through discussions about the ‘Rights of the Child’ the children learned about the rights others and themselves have in school, such as the right to be heard, play, be included, learn and be safe. P4 collectively agreed a set of class rules to ensure their rights would be respected. These included:

* Be kind, friendly and helpful to others
* Follow instructions
* Listen Carefully
* Move around the classroom safely
* Keep the classroom tidy and organised
* Use the classroom equipment properly
* Don’t give up!
* ALWAYS be honest
* Always be the best that we can be
* Be happy and have fun!
* Encourage others

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to read through the **Golden Rules at the front** of your child’s homework diary and sign accordingly.

**Homework & Reading:** Homework activities will cover a variety of curricular areas and reinforce learning that is taking place in class.

**Reading** will be issued twice a week, either on Monday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday. Alongside reading, your child will be given a Book Detective task to complete. This will be shown in your child’s homework diary, please remind your child to bring this every day.

**Spelling** will be taught in class on a Monday and we will continue to focus on this spelling pattern throughout the week. A list of spelling words relating to the spelling pattern will be sent home on Monday for you and your child to practice. Please see a list of suggested activities at the front of spelling jotters.

**Big Talk Homework** will be given out regularly, this is to inform learning in class. For example, creating ideas for writing and collecting information for topic related tasks. These are verbal tasks, and nothing is required to be written down. However, if you wish to create bullet points with your child then please do so.

**Maths** homework will also be handed out regularly. This will give you the opportunity to find out more about the strategies and techniques your child is using and learning in class.

**Equipment:** It was great to see so many children bringing their gym kits in this week. Gym kits left in school will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed. A well-equipped pencil case is useful in class. This would include sharp pencils for writing and colouring, a rubber, a ruler and a sharpener. It is also a good idea to provide an apron or adult-sized t-shirt to protect uniforms during Art lessons. A water bottle filled with water allows children to keep them on their table keeping their brains hydrated throughout the day. Please remind your child to take their water bottle home each night to be cleaned. Please could you also ensure to **label** water bottles, book bags, pack lunch boxes and clothing.

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**Numeracy:** This term in Maths we will focus on:

* Place value with numbers to 1000. *MNU 1-02a*
* Describing, following and recording routes and journeys using signs, words and angles associated with direction. *MTH 1-17a*
* Developing and sharing mental strategies and formal methods for adding numbers up to at least three digits. *MNU 1-03a*

**Literacy:** This term in Literacy we will:

* ![Writing_in_Journal[1]]()Develop our ability to listen and respond respectfully with other, focussing on body language, eye-contact and expression. *LIT 1-02a*
* Concentrate on finding information through reading and use this to develop ideas and new texts with a focus on functional writing, such as non-chronological reports and brochures linked to our Europe Topic. *LIT 1-25a*
* Develop our understanding in reading and comprehension through responding to different types of questioning, such as remembering and inferential question. *ENG 1-17a*

We will also continue to use Jolly Grammar to develop spelling and grammar skills to inform reading and writing.

**Topic:**

Our topic this term is the continent Europe. We will be broadening our knowledge of countries and landscapes within Europe. We will also be expanding our knowledge of Scotland through comparisons with other countries in Europe. We will develop our use of mapping skills through different activities such as atlas work, STEM challenges and ICT tasks. The children will individually choose a country in Europe to create and independent study.

*If your child has something they would like to bring to School in relation to the topic, please encourage them to do so (photographs may be more suitable for fragile, valuable or sentimental things).*

**Learning Celebration books:**

Children have the opportunity throughout the year to bring their Learning Celebration books home to share their learning and class achievements with you. Upon sharing this with your child, please sign and return to school.

**Dates for the diary:**

* Monday 23rd September – **Holiday (School closed to pupils and staff)**
* Friday 27th September – **School Sponsored Walk 2.00pm**
* Parent Evening Consultations: **Wednesday 2nd October 6-8.30pm (Details to follow)**
* Parent Afternoon Consultations: **Thursday 3rd October 3.45 – 6.15pm (detail to follow)**
* Thursday 10th October – **Last day of Term 1 for pupils**
* Friday 11th October – **Staff In-Service Day (School closed to pupils and parents)**
* ‘Show and Tell’ Curricular Evening: **Wednesday 6th November 6 – 7pm**

If there is anything you would like to discuss, or information to share about your child, please feel free to contact me either by writing a note in your child’s homework diary, catching me in the playground at the end of the day or by contacting the school office.

I look forward to meeting you at these events.

**Miss Airlie**