

P4 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable October break and are ready for another exciting and busy term ahead.

Our Timetable:

The class will have:

Monday: **Assembly**

Tuesday: **French** and **Mental Maths** with **Miss Ruxton**

Wednesday: **P.E.** and **R.M.E.** with Mrs Muir

Thursday: **Art**

Friday: **P.E.** and **Golden Time**

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

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, usually either on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Alongside reading, your child will be given a Book Detective task to complete, which will then be verbally discussed back in school. 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 Friday and we will continue to focus on this spelling pattern for a week. A list of spelling words relating to the spelling pattern will be sent home on Friday for 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:

P.E. will continue to take place **outdoors** whenever possible so please ensure your child has suitable shoes and P.E. kit for outdoors and colder weather.

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.

We will do art lessons on a Thursday this Term so if you could possibly provide your child with an **apron, old t-shirt or an 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. They are also useful as currently water fountains are only able to be used to fill water bottles. 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.

Numeracy: This term in Maths we will focus on:

- Learning and developing mental and formal methods for subtracting numbers up to at least three digits. *MNU 1-03a*
- Accurately using different units of measurement in written, practical and problem solving activities. *MNU 1-11a*
- Applying knowledge of addition and subtraction methods when working with money. *MNU 1-09a*



Literacy: This term in Literacy we will:

- Become more independent creating our own writing targets to improve our writing. We will use these along with our success criteria to edit and improve our writing.
- Focus on creating descriptive texts including imaginative and recount pieces. *ENG 1-30a*
- Use our knowledge of spelling rules and resources to correctly spell common, tricky or unfamiliar words. Including, becoming more independent using a thesaurus and dictionary. *LIT 1-21a*
- Continue to develop our strategies to find information during comprehension, including highlighting keywords and skimming and scanning the text for information.

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

Topic:

This term P4 will continue with their Roman topic. They will continue to expand their knowledge and understanding of the Romans and their legacy through comparing our own lives to the Romans.



We will also focus on our class novel, 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' as a mini topic. We will use this book to explore different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) outcomes, influence some of our descriptive writing and to develop our listening and talking skills.

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 you are welcome to write a comment then please sign and return to school.

GLOW and Google Classroom:

Please find details, including passwords, on how to access GLOW to then access our P4 Sharepoint website and our Google classroom can be found at the back of their homework diaries. Photographs of the learning in primary 4 have been uploaded onto our Sharepoint website on GLOW and some homework will be uploaded on our Google Classroom to be completed. If you have any trouble accessing these, please let me know ASAP.

Dates for your diary

November

- Fri 6th Nov-Rotary Shoe Box Appeal-last day to return boxes to school
- Tue 10th-Pupil Show & Tell Curriculum Event on-line. Learning Celebration Books go home.
- Fri 13th-Children in Need Dress as You Please Day!
- Fri 20th-Staff In-Service Day-School closed to pupils

December

- Wed 2nd-Flu vaccinations
- Fri 18th-Last day of term

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 or by contacting the school office.

Take care,

Miss Airlie