

P4 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely Spring break! It has been so lovely to welcome Primary 4 back to school for another busy Term ahead.

Our Timetable:

Monday: **Virtual Assembly**

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

Wednesday: **P.E. (racquet and ball skills)** and **problem solving fortnightly** with **Mrs Muir**

Friday: **P.E. (orienteering)** and **Golden Time**

We will also have Mrs Robertson, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Bryson supporting the work we do in class.

Reading: We will be doing reading and/or comprehension tasks daily in class. Reading will also be issued twice a week, either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday for your child to practice (they will also be on Google Classroom). Please see a list of suggested activities at the front of spelling jotters. There is also a list of common words in the homework diary to focus on.

Big Talk Homework will be posted on our Goggle Classroom 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, nothing is required to be written down. However, if you wish to create bullet points with your child then please do so.

Equipment: It was great to see so many children bringing their **P.E. kits** in this week. P.E. will take place **outdoors**, whenever possible, so please ensure your child has suitable shoes and P.E. kit for outdoors.

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. 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 be focussing on:

- Continuing to develop our knowledge and accuracy when solving multiplication and division questions.
- Developing our knowledge and understanding of common fractions and finding fractions of shapes/an amount.
- Continuing to deepen our understanding of mathematical language to support problem solving.
- Developing our knowledge of directional language to follow/give routes to/from a certain destination.

Literacy: This term in Literacy we will be focussing on:

- Making relevant notes under given headings when listening/watching something, then using these notes for different purposes e.g. creating new texts, discussions...
- Creating a talk about a chosen skill to share with a small group of peers. We will focus on clarity and pace.
- Personal writing, sharing our personal experiences and how they make us/characters feel, including recounts, diary entries, postcard/letter writing..
- Continuing to use our skills to edit and up-level texts.
- We will also continue to use Jolly Grammar to develop spelling and grammar skills to inform reading and writing.

Topic: Our topic for this term will be 'Me in the Wider World'. We will continue to focus on the human body and the correct body terminology, functions and what is required for a healthy balanced diet. This will link to our Health and Wellbeing for this Term, learning about how the body changes as we grow. We will use this website to support our learning on this: <https://rshp.scot/> , please feel free to go onto the website and explore the resources that will support your child's learning in class (click onto the section → level → 'First Level'). We will also be exploring our 'footprint' on the World and our responsibilities as 'Eco Warriors' at Fishermoss. We will explore this topic through different activities including discussions, writing, technology, science and outdoor learning.

If there is anything you would like to discuss or information to share about your child, please feel free to contact me by writing a note in your child's homework diary or contacting the school by email or phone.

Take care,

Miss Airlie