



This is the Primary 4A newsletter for August- December 2017. You will find lots of information about the learning which will be undertaken this term. I hope that you find the information useful and that it will help you to support your child's learning at home.



Literacy - Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing

In reading P4a will focus on asking and answering questions about the main ideas and purpose of texts. The class has a class book for discussion with a focus on author Jacqueline Wilson. There will be an opportunity to choose a book for enjoyment from the library. In writing, we will be looking at non-fiction in the shape of instructions, flow charts and diagrams. We will also do some imaginative story writing. We shall use VCOP (vocab, connectives, openers, punctuation) to write more complex sentences and in grammar, how to use and identify abstract nouns and verb tenses.

Maths and Numeracy

P4a will study 2D shapes and 3D objects, looking at their properties and where to find them in real life. We will also look at right angles. In numeracy we will continue with our mental agility work. We will look at counting on and back, strategies for adding and subtracting and multiplication. The children will be encouraged to explain their thinking and to reflect on their progress. Later the class will study different ways of displaying and gathering information.

Other Curricular Areas

In our topic work we will be looking at Food and Farming in Scotland. We will hopefully have visits/trips to support this. The next topics will be Forces and Moon, Sun and Earth. This will involve practical and group work. Mrs Sim is teaching the class music on a Wednesday this term.

Health & Wellbeing

P4a will get PE twice a week with Mr Douglas.

The whole school topics are 'take a moment' (term 1) and 'talk things over'. (term 2). Parent leaflets are sent home for further information. Our first topic is Food and Farming so we will be looking at keeping a healthy diet as part of health and wellbeing.

Home Learning

In literacy spelling will be given out each Monday and the class will also have the opportunity to practice in class. There are different spelling activities listed inside the homework jotter to practice at home. Some reading groups will get a book home to read. Please hear your child read and sign their Reading Record. There will also be occasions where other homework might be given. The children should all have a password for sumdog to play at home.

Ethos & Wider Life of the School

The children each have an online profile which will be updated periodically. The school continues to be involved with the local community. The school has a number of out-of-school hours clubs eg football, drumming, scripture union. Our Health and Wellbeing programme is teaching the children to be resilient and how to cope with different emotions and situations. Children are encouraged to be responsible for their classroom.