



This is the Primary 4 newsletter for January to April 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

P4 had a busy start to the term learning their Scottish poems. We are continuing to look at poetry in class, listening to poets, reading their own poems on the poetry archive and having a go at playing with language and writing our own poems. We have been reading in groups and we are enjoying listening to Jacqueline Wilson stories.

Maths and Numeracy

This term we have been focussing on fractions. We have been looking at finding half, quarter or a tenth of a whole object or a group of objects. We have also tried to use fractions in word problems; we still need more practise at this. We have gone onto comparing fractions and using $<$, $>$ and $=$ to show how different fractions compare. We will continue to practise our tables and have found these very useful when working out a fraction of an amount.

Other Curricular Areas

We are focussing on science this term. Before half term we have been looking at the sun, moon and earth, learning how the earth and moon move around the sun. Recognising the different phases of the moon and why we have seasons. After half term we will be looking at forces, including push and pull forces, friction and gravity. We are learning the ukulele with 2 visiting teachers.

Health & Wellbeing

Our whole school focus for health and wellbeing this term is 'keep connected'. Children are learning the importance of good relationships in their lives and developing their awareness of how they can build good relationships.

Home Learning

In P4 we have sheets to record the phases of the moon so if it is a clear night please encourage them to go out and record what they can see. We are organising our spelling slightly differently but children should still be practising every week. We will assess their spelling every 4-5 weeks to see if they are retaining what they have learnt. We will keep adding to their learning journals on line so remember to take a look.

Ethos & Wider Life of the School

We are looking forward to Scots Night on Thursday 2nd February. P6 and 7 will be dancing and there will be poets from every class. At the end of March we are planning an International Day; giving every class a chance to learn about some other countries. More information to follow!