










Head Teacher: Mr Richard Napier

**Term Ahead: Primary 4 August - October**

Dear Parent/Carer,

The table below outlines what we will be working on in primary 4 this term.

<p><b>Literacy and English</b></p>  <p>Our class novel this term will be <i>The Wishing Spell</i> from the Land of Stories series. As the series is based on fairytales, some of our literacy work will be linked to this theme.</p> <p>In writing, we will focus on fairytale recounts, creating alternative endings, and using storyboards to plan our ideas. Pupils will also explore instructional and imaginative writing.</p> <p>Through our 'mini topic' on <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>, there will also be a focus on imaginative and descriptive writing, developing description of settings and characters by extending and uplevelling sentences. We will also recap and encourage accurate punctuation throughout all writing activities.</p> <p>Spelling – We will complete regular spelling practice of key rules, patterns and common words using active spelling tasks and Sumdog. See the home learning grid for specific rules.</p>	<p><b>Numeracy and Mathematics</b></p>  <p>In P4, we use a range of learning resources including White Rose Maths and Sumdog to support our numeracy and maths.</p>  <p>In term 1, we will be spending time revising place value, involving numbers to 100, partitioning, counting in 1s, 10s or 100s, finding more or less, comparing numbers and addition and subtraction.</p> <p>It is encouraged for children to regularly practice number bonds and times table facts to allow them to confidently transfer this knowledge into other learning. We will provide children with a range of ways in which this can be completed.</p>  <p>Finally, in Primary 4, problem solving will be embedded in all learning to help develop and deepen understanding of new and prior learning.</p>
<p><b>Learning Across the Curriculum</b></p>  <p><b>Alice in Wonderland/Fairytales:</b> We are starting the term with a mini topic on <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> and will then move on to <i>Fairytales</i>, linked to our class novel. There will be opportunities for a wide variety of different art, drama and STEM experiences such as illusion art, hot seating, construction challenges and digital animations. We will also be looking at maps, directions and learning how to read and use compass points.</p>  <p><b>H&amp;W:</b> The term will begin with introducing the Zones of Regulation, linked to emotions and feelings. This will also involve learning about strategies to help regulate emotions. We will visit the themes of rights and responsibilities through our class charters.</p> <p><b>French:</b> We will be revising and developing key vocabulary including greetings, classroom instructions and days of the week.</p>	<p><b>Admin</b></p> <p>P.E. will take place at the times below with Mr Murray. <b>P4A</b> – Wednesday mornings (1 longer session) <b>P4B</b> – Tuesday and Thursday mornings (2 shorter sessions) <i>Children should come to school on these days wearing appropriate PE clothing.</i></p> <p><b>Homework:</b> In line with the school homework policy, there will be no assigned weekly homework. We will however provide an optional home learning wall. We encourage children to read regularly and practice times table facts to improve confidence when applying these skills to other learning.</p> <p><b>Outdoor Learning:</b> There will be P4 outdoor learning sessions <b>every Monday</b>. Children should come to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers, they <u>must</u> wear a jacket.</p> <p><b>Important Dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>September 15<sup>th</sup></b> – Monday Holiday</li><li>• <b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b> and <b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b> – Parent consultations</li></ul> <p><b>School Padlet:</b> For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our new school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code. <a href="https://padlet.com/9080072/balgreen-primary-school-apjbbb5edkryt4v">https://padlet.com/9080072/balgreen-primary-school-apjbbb5edkryt4v</a></p> 

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,  
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