









Head Teacher: **Mr Richard Napier**

Term Ahead: Primary 4 April- June

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you had a lovely Easter break! The table below outlines what we will be working on in primary 4 this term.

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy and English</p> <p>This term, we will continue reading <i>The Enchantress Returns</i>, the next instalment of the <i>Land of Stories</i> series which the children were very keen to continue!</p>  <p>In writing this term, children will write across a variety of genres. We are looking at different types of poetry, such as Haiku's and focussing on rhyme. Pupils will also have the opportunity to write instructions based on science experiments exploring electricity and create labelled diagrams and posters linked to our topic of the Human Body. Children will continue to develop a range of vocabulary, look at verb tenses and learn when to use 'a' or 'an' in their work.</p> <p>Pupils will continue to read independently for enjoyment and in small groups. We are focusing on Higher Order Thinking Skills and encouraging children to generate their own questions about a text.</p> <p>For spelling, we will focus on key spelling rules, patterns, and common words through regular practice. Please refer to the home learning grid for the specific spelling rules.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>In P4, we use a range of resources, including White Rose Maths, TeeJay, Sumdog, and Big Maths to support learning.</p>  <p>This term, we will be introducing fractions, looking at fractions on a number line, comparing and ordering fractions, simple equivalent fractions and beginning to find a fraction of an amount.</p>  <p>Later in the term, we will further our knowledge of Money, identifying coins and notes, converting between pounds and pence and adding costs to find a total and giving change.</p> <p>We will also look at Measure, how to convert from one measure to another, make estimations of length, mass and capacity and how to use the appropriate tools.</p> <p>Regular practice of number bonds and times tables at home is encouraged to help children apply their knowledge with confidence.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>This term, our topic will focus on The Human Body. We will be learning all about the different systems and organs in our body and how to look after it, with exercise and diet which will take us on to looking at the Commonwealth Games that take place this summer. We may even host our own!</p>  <p>Health & Wellbeing: We will be discussing how human life begins with pregnancy and what babies need. This teaching will be in line with the RSHP progression: https://rshp.scot/first-level/#informationforparentsandcarers</p> <p>We will also continue the whole school building resilience learning, where we will have a focus on 'Respect Yourself' where we teach the importance of valuing ourselves as individuals.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning: There will be P4 outdoor learning sessions every Monday. Children should come to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers, they must wear a jacket.</p> <p>We are delighted that the Youth Music Initiative will be working again with P4 this term in a series of musical workshops. Children will also develop football skills and healthy lifestyle habits in a 6 week block run by Hearts of Midlothian, Big Hearts coaches in the Joy of Moving program.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Admin</p> <p>P.E. will take place at the times below with Mr Murray. P4A – Tuesday Afternoons (1 longer session) P4B – Tuesday morning & Wednesday afternoon (2 shorter sessions) <i>Children should come to school on these days wearing appropriate PE clothing.</i></p> <p>Homework: 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 spellings to improve confidence when applying these skills to other learning.</p> <p>Important Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank holidays- 4th May and 18th May • Sports Day- 22nd May • Book Swap- 28th May • Trip to Money Museum on the Mound – 2nd June • Rose Day- 25th June • Last day of term- 26th June  <p>School Padlet: https://padlet.com/BalgreenP/balgreen-primary-2025-26-fqd6lut82eah0qdy</p>

Yours sincerely,
 Miss Gaunt, Mrs McNeill and Mrs Gillies (Class Teachers)