



Head Teacher: Mr Richard Napier

Term Ahead: Primary 4 October-December

Dear Parent/Carer,

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>Our class novel this term will be 'Tom's Sausage Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. We will complete a range of literacy tasks linked to this novel and use 'The Lost Words' to demonstrate poetry techniques. Also, learners will be reading in groups and pairs each week, practicing reading aloud to develop fluency and expression. We will use shorter texts to develop comprehension and understanding skills.</p> <p>The focus for writing this term will be Poetry where we will learn about a range of different poems and develop poetic techniques, alongside continuing to build sentences with accurate punctuation and descriptive vocabulary. To further develop writing techniques, we will learn about interesting openers and recap the use of conjunctions.</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="837 472 954 589"> </div> <div data-bbox="979 472 1337 589"> <p>In P4, we use a range of learning resources including White Rose Maths and Sumdog to support our numeracy and maths.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1385 495 1501 577"> </div> </div> <p>In term 2, we will continue to build on our addition and subtraction operations including exchanging and regrouping as well as using inverse operations. Towards the end of this term, we will begin multiplication and division units where we will first focus on the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables and later introduce 3-, 4- and 8- times tables. Problem solving is embedded in all learning in numeracy and mathematics.</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 continue to provide children with a range of ways in which this can be completed.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>Music Around the World: Our topic this term is based on Music Around the World which will include looking at different types of music, rhythm and beat, dynamics, instruments, and music culture in different countries and continents. We will also look at some music history linked to this. We encourage children in P4 to share any personal experiences of music and expressive arts culture from their home countries and welcome parents/carers to share their experiences. In addition, we will begin investigating music composition using a range of tools and developing creativity in creating musical instruments.</p> <p>H&W: We will continue to develop the work done in term 1 involving the zones of regulation. Additionally, there will be a focus on communication and collaboration skills as we work effectively in groups for a range of tasks. Learning about teeth and oral hygiene will be a focus for health and wellbeing this term.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> </div> <p>French: We will be revising and developing key vocabulary including weather, numbers, months, days of the week and classroom instructions.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning: There will be P4 outdoor learning sessions every Thursday. Children should come to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers, they <u>must</u> wear a jacket.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Admin</p> <p>P.E. will take place at the times below with Mr Murray. P4A – Tuesdays mornings (1 longer session) P4B – Thursday and Friday mornings (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 times table facts to improve confidence when applying these skills to other learning.</p> <p>Important Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 4th Nov – Whole School Sponsored Walk • Thursday 21st Nov - Jingo Bingo • Friday 22nd Nov – P4 Assembly to Parents 11.20-11.50am • 16th & 17th Dec – Christmas Concert <p>School Padlet: For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our new school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code. https://padlet.com/9080072/balgreen-primary-school-apjbbb5edkryt4v</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> </div>

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

Yours sincerely,
 Miss Gaunt, Miss Hughson & Mrs O'Brien (Class Teachers)