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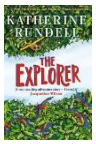
Term Ahead: Primary 4 October-December

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Literacy and English

This term, we will continue reading *The Explorer* linking our reading to literacy learning and comprehension activities. Pupils will then choose a 2nd class novel for the rest of the term. Literacy learning will also connect to our topic, Music Around the World.



In writing, children will continue to write three times a week, building on their use of accurate punctuation. We will introduce new targets such as using conjunctions to extend ideas and interesting vocabulary to improve sentence variety. Pupils writing will focus on imaginative stories and personal reflections this term.

Pupils will continue to read independently for enjoyment and in small groups to develop comprehension, fluency, and expression.

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.

Numeracy and Mathematics

In P4, we use a range of resources, including White Rose Maths, TeeJay and Sumdog, to support learning.

This term, we will continue developing addition and subtraction skills, focusing on subtraction with exchanging, fact families, and inverse operations. We will also begin to introduce times tables through play opportunities.



Later in the term, we will explore Money. We will be learning to identify and use notes and coins up to £20, to convert between pounds and pence (e.g. 149p = £1.49), to add and subtract money and to give change within £10.

Regular practice of number bonds and times tables at home is encouraged. Problem solving will continue to be embedded across all learning to deepen understanding and build mathematical thinking skills.



Learning Across the Curriculum

This term, our topic will focus on ***Music Around the World.*** We will begin by learning key music vocabulary, including rhythm and pulse. Throughout the term, we will listen to different styles of music and discover instruments from across the globe. Our learning will focus on specific traditional styles, including West African drumming and storytelling, Scottish folk music and sea shanties, Caribbean reggae and calypso, alongside Samba, Latin, and Blues. Pupils will also learn how to compose their own music and create dances linked to these different vibrant styles.



As part of this topic, we would love to invite any families with experience in music or instruments from different cultures to share their talents with our classes. Please get in touch if you are able to assist us with our learning!

Pupils will be showcasing their learning in an assembly later this term.

Health & Wellbeing: We will continue to develop friends and friendship and provide opportunities for developing teamwork and communication skills. Also, celebrating similarity and diversity will be a key theme. This teaching will be in line with the RSHP progression: https://rshp.scot/first-level/#informationforparentsandcarers

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P.E. will take place with Mr Murray on Monday and Friday. *Children should come to school on these days wearing appropriate PE clothing.*

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.

Outdoor Learning: There will be P4 outdoor learning sessions **every Tuesday**. Children should come to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers and they must bring a jacket.

Important Dates:
Children in Need- **Friday 13th November**
Scooting Sessions- **Thursday 19th and 26th November**
P4, P5/4, P5 Assembly to parents – **Wednesday 18th Nov (afternoon)**
Christmas Concert- **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December**
Last day of term – **Friday 18th December**

School Padlet: *For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our school Padlet via our school website or the QR code below.*

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Yours sincerely,
Mrs McNeill and Mrs Traill (Class Teachers)