



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;"><b>Literacy and English</b></p>  <p>Our class novel this term will be 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo. We will complete a range of literacy tasks linked to this novel. Also, learners will be reading in groups each week, practicing reading aloud to develop fluency and expression. Each class is equipped with a class library that children can choose books from and read for enjoyment in and out of school.</p> <p>There will be a focus this term 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. Other writing opportunities will be focussed on our term 1 topic – Paralympics.</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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Learning Across the Curriculum</b></p> <p><b>Paralympics:</b> Our topic this term will be Paralympics to encourage a deeper understanding of the Paralympic Games taking part in Paris. This topic will allow children the opportunity to learn about different disabilities as well as develop skills of debate and discussion around key questions linked to this topic. We will investigate athletes, sports, history and technology/equipment linked to the Paralympics as well as providing practical opportunities for children to try a range of sports and experiences.</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. Finally, we will investigate disabilities with learning linked to our topic.</p>  <p><b>French:</b> We will be revising and developing key vocabulary including greetings, classroom instructions and days of the week.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Admin</b></p> <p><b>P.E.</b> will take place at the times below with Mr Murray.  <b>P4A</b> – Tuesdays mornings (1 longer session)  <b>P4B</b> – Thursday and Friday 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 Thursday</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>September 16<sup>th</sup> – Monday Holiday</li> <li>October 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> – 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,  
 Miss Gaunt, Miss Hughson & Miss O'Brien (Class Teachers)