



Term Ahead: Primary 4 January-April

Head Teacher: Mr Richard Napier

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 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo. We will complete a range of literacy tasks linked to this novel and to our topic on Oceans.</p> <p>In writing, pupils will develop note-taking skills, both digitally and in writing, and create fact files, persuasive news articles on sustainability, and descriptive pieces about sea creatures. We will also write diary entries from different perspectives and use dictionaries to expand topic vocabulary with 'wow' words.</p> <p>In reading, we will focus on inferencing skills, video comprehension, and short comprehension tasks linked to writing. We will also use digital resources such as EPIC and Read Theory to enhance reading skills. 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>Pupils will engage in activities such as interviewing a 'deep-sea diver', creating podcasts and conducting news reporter interviews to develop their listening and talking skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="837 436 954 555"> </div> <div data-bbox="981 436 1348 555"> <p>In term 3, we will begin working on multiplication and division. We will be building upon our times tables knowledge, with the</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1380 459 1500 548"> </div> </div> <p>aim to increase our confidence in this area. In addition, we will be working on equal grouping, sharing and arrays to support this learning.</p> <p>Our mathematics learning will be closely linked to our topic on Oceans. We will investigate measures, such as mass and capacity, by considering the depths of the ocean, as well as length and perimeter. Data handling skills will be developed as we analyse and create graphs representing information linked to our topic.</p> <p>Problem solving is embedded in all learning in numeracy and mathematics. 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>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>Oceans: Our topic this term is based on Oceans which will provide an exciting focus for our learning across the curriculum. As well as our literacy and mathematics activities linking to our topic, we will also explore world geography, marine life and ecosystems, sustainability and pollution, and the water cycle. We will be incorporating expressive arts with sea shanties and art collages, as well as doing STEM activities to investigate floating and sinking.</p> <p>H&W: We will begin this term by looking at friends and friendship, followed by feelings and safety. 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</p> <p>French: We will be revising and developing key vocabulary including weather, numbers, months, days of the week, greetings 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. Once P4B begin swimming, their outdoor learning slot will change to a Wednesday afternoon.</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 and Thursday 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 reading, spelling and times tables practice at home.</p> <p>Important Dates: Primary 4 will have their 6-week swimming blocks this term. More information on this will be provided in due course. P4A – Thursday 30th January until 13th March P4B – Thursday 27th February until 3rd April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 5th February - RSNO Sounds of the Deep Concert at Usher Hall • February 6th February - Scots Night <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 & Miss O'Brien (Class Teachers)