

Primary 4 – Welcome Term 3 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3 of Primary 4! We would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you have had a nice relaxing break. The children seem very happy and motivate to be back learning new concepts this term.

Regards,

Mrs Saunders and Mrs. Roebuck.

Curricular Areas:

In **Numeracy**, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction. We will be applying these strategies to problem solving situations. We will continue to focus on multiplication and ask that children are encouraged to practise their times tables at home. We will also be developing our knowledge of time. We will be focusing on telling the time with both analogue and digital time and also developing our understanding of our ability to read timers for activities.

In **Literacy**, we will build on the children's knowledge of punctuation and grammar by using Big Writing strategies and will continue to embed Active Reading strategies through our reading books. During writing activities we will be extending our use of vocabulary when creating interesting openers to stories.

First Minister's Reading Challenge

It has been brilliant to see so many of the children enjoy reading different genres of books while we are participating in the First Minister's Reading Challenge. If your child finishes a book at home then please remind them to bring it in so they can add it to their passport in school, which is keeping track of the amount of books they have read.

Class Assembly

Our class assembly will be on Friday 19th January. We have been hard at work creating our own script from facts that we have found out about Robert Burns. We hope that you can make it and will enjoy it. The assembly will begin at 9:15am and all parents are welcome.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

Our topic this term will be focusing on the Vikings and how they have shaped Scottish history. We will be learning about how they came to Scotland and about how some of our words derive from the Vikings. We will create lots of artwork from this topic and will be comparing Scotland from then to now.



Homework

Homework is issued on Monday for completion by Friday of each week.

As part of their spelling homework, children have the choice of different spelling activities to complete each week, these have been attached to the inside cover of their homework jotters for easy reference.

The children have been asked to read at home, whether this is a book, magazine, manual etc. The children now have reading logs so that they can keep a record of their reading.

Homework is now shared on the class Team page and can be accessed through Glow. Their logins are at the back of their homework diary. If you are having issues accessing this please speak to Mrs Roebuck. We will continue to staple in homework for children who have not accessed Teams so far.

Scottish Poems

We have been learning about the poem, "The Circus" by JK Annard. We will all be reciting the poem in class and our finalists will be performing it at the Burns Assembly on the 25th January. Mrs McKechnie and a representative from the Burns Society will be judging the poems.

DAY	WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING/WHAT'S ON
EVERY DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water bottle, homework jotter, homework diary and reading book.• Please ensure all items of school uniform and jackets are labelled with your child's name.
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please bring in correct PE kit – shorts, t-shirt, gym shoes. This will be in class all week.• Library – please bring in library books• iPads with Mrs Roebuck and Science with Mrs Cowan
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French with Ms Ruxton
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PE and Music with Mrs Roebuck
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MUGA session with Mrs Saunders
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• T-TRAIN Time