

## Primary 4/5T – Term 3 2018

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and are ready for a productive term! This newsletter will provide you with all the information you need to know for Term 3. If you have any questions, or if there is anything you are unsure of, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Joanna Tavendale

**Curricular Areas:** In Numeracy, we will be covering addition and subtraction in more depth and will also be focusing on the topic of time. We will continue to revise our multiplication and division strategies as well.

In Literacy, pupils will be completing a second whole-class non-fiction modelling block where they will engage with the six active reading strategies to develop their knowledge and understanding. Some of the texts selected will complement the class topic of Victorians. After this, pupils will continue to use the active reading strategies within smaller non-fiction reading groups.

DAY	WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING/WHAT'S ON?
<b>EVERY DAY</b>	Water bottle, homework jotter, diary and pencil case. Please ensure all items of school uniform including P.E kits and jackets are labelled. Lunch boxes and water bottles should have names written on also.
<b>MONDAY</b>	French – Ms Carol Ruxton.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	PE – Gym Hall  Art – Please could pupils ensure they bring in painting aprons.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	PE – P5's will be going swimming; P4's will take part in PE with P4RW
<b>THURSDAY</b>	R.M.E – Mrs Christine Vivier  Mrs Rodger and I will be 'Team Teaching' Music and Topic on Thursday afternoons.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	T-Train 31+ Time – no electronic equipment please.
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	This month, pupils will be learning a Scots poem and will be encouraged to take part in the schools Burns poetry competition. Practice is already underway in P4/5!  To celebrate Burns day, pupils in P4/5 will be treated to a mini Burns Supper on the 25 <sup>th</sup> January. Letters about this will be sent home shortly.  6 <sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day. Pupils will be involved in lessons and activities which focus on the importance of staying safe online.



## Homework

Homework will continue to be issued to pupils on a Monday and will be due in on the Friday. There will be three homework tasks per week this term.

Spelling – Activity grids have been stuck into homework diaries. Pupils in P4/5 should write their spelling words out three times each and complete one spelling activity per week. Please ensure an adult initials the activity completed on the grid.

Numeracy – Homework will be in the form of online maths games. The pupils have been given websites that link to the areas of numeracy we will be covering in class. These websites will change each term.

Talk Homework – This will be given at assemblies on Fridays. Pupils will have until the following Friday to discuss the talk homework set. During the assembly the following week, pupils will have the opportunity to share what they have discussed at home.

Reading – P4/5 will be reading non-fiction books in class this term therefore, reading homework will not be issued. As we are taking part in the First Ministers Reading Challenge, pupils are encouraged to read for enjoyment at home. Books read for enjoyment in school and at home will be recorded in the pupils' First Ministers Reading Passports. Pupils will have opportunities to visit the school library regularly to ensure a variety of books are read.

## Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

Our topic this term will be a history based topic on The Victorians. Over the next couple of weeks, pupils will be investigating a famous Victorian of their choice and will present a solo talk to the class on their chosen individual. Some other aspects of The Victorians that pupils will be learning about include what life was like then compared to life now, schooling in the Victorian era and inventions and inventors from the Victorian era.

