



# PRIMARY 4 NEWSLETTER - TERM 4



## ENGLISH AND LITERACY

This term your child will be:

- Continuing to improve writing by focusing on planning, notetaking, paragraphing, vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP).
- Focusing on writing in a variety of styles and for differing purposes through our topic, such as letter writing, diaries, instructional writing and advertising.
- Using dictionaries and other tools to develop understanding and knowledge of vocabulary and texts.



Developing knowledge and understanding using a variety of different media

- Reading will build on reading with expression and children will display comprehension through discussion, questioning and independent written activities using the Highland Literacy Project.
- Reading for enjoyment by choosing texts within the class and school library.
- Continuing to work on handwriting skills and presentation using cursive writing.

## NUMERACY AND MATHS

This term your child will be:

- Continuing to develop different mental maths strategies applying addition, subtraction, multiplying and dividing
  - Using addition and subtraction to work out calculations using 2 and 3-digit numbers
  - Consolidating their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes using symmetry to describe them
- Using compass points and right angles to give directions
  - Reading and interpreting and creating timetables to plan their time
  - Consolidating problem solving strategies learning

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING



P.E. lessons will be taught each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The main focus of these lessons will be striking and fielding games and athletics. Please ensure that you bring full PE kit each week and that footwear is appropriate for running. We will also be starting our Living and Growing topic in which we will be discussing the differences between genders and learning to name our body parts. If you attended our Relationships and Sex Education talk for parents in October you will be aware that

our school Living and Growing curriculum is carefully designed and age appropriate. In P4 we teach the children to use the correct anatomical terms and not feel embarrassed when doing this.

**Technologies** - Primary 4 will be using the internet to support their research and to share learning. We will be linking ICT to our maths work by looking at online shopping and how to record using databases and excel. We will also be learning how to create powerpoints.

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY

**Science** – Our science topic will focus around changing forms of water and we will be experimenting with dissolving of solids in water as well. As part of our Global Citizenship, we will be developing our knowledge of how water is used in Malawi and comparing this to our water usage in the UK.

## Titanic –The Unsinkable Ship

Our main topic this term is 'The Titanic'. In support of the principles of Curriculum for Excellence the topic will be used to stimulate lots of exciting work in other curriculum areas. In drama your child will learn to enact a variety of events from 'The Titanic's' history. In art and design your child will be able using different media to create a variety of artwork for the topic. By the end of the term your child will be able to:

- Explain the significance of events, people and societies of the past
- Describe the main events related to 'The Titanic'
- Present information in a variety of ways

We will be sharing our learning with parents on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

## A CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

In Term 4, we aim to reflect the four areas of the curriculum in the following ways:

**Successful Learners:** Success criteria will continue to be shared through "I can" statements, which will be recorded in the Learning Journals. Children will work towards achieving their personal and group targets.

**Confident Individuals:** Pupils will be encouraged to prepare, ask questions and show initiative. They will be able to identify characteristics of co-operation and display these characteristics towards others.

**Effective Contributors:** We will work in co-operative learning groups, partners and in our house teams to complete a number of tasks and challenges.

**Responsible Citizens:** Pupils will be encouraged to behave in a responsible manner, to take responsibility for their own learning and to show respect for their school and community.

## HOMework

A reminder that homework is given out on Tuesdays and must be returned the following Monday so that we can discuss the outcomes in class. Homework should take no longer than 15minutes per task.

## Housekeeping

- Pupils should bring their book bag containing their reading book and reading record daily. They should also bring a pencil case, with a sharpened pencil, rubber and glue stick.
- Please check schoolbags, book bags and school e-mails for letters, permission slips etc and return promptly.
- Children should have their PE kit in school every day and bring a waterproof coat.
- Please inform us **in writing** of any specific arrangement relating to the collection of your child at the end of the day.
- If you have a skill or talent, which you feel you could support our learning this term please let us know.

Thank you for your support and have a great term!

Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Mitchell