

P3/4 Term 4 Newsletter -May 2023

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and that the new term has started well. It feels like this has been a very quick year! I can't believe we are in our final term already. The children have continued to work very hard and we have another busy term ahead of us.

Preparation for school:

Please ensure that your child has suitable indoor and outdoor footwear and clothing. We are spending extended periods of time outdoors and therefore need to be prepared for the ever-changing Scottish weather.



Gym:

We will have gym twice weekly **On Mondays and Wednesdays.** Children should come dressed in outdoor PE kit on these days.

Allergies:

An important reminder:

Please be aware that we have children in school with severe allergies. *Children should not bring any product which contains nuts for snack/lunch.*

Medication:

If your child needs to be given medication during the school day, please fill in a medical consent form (school office/website).

Topic:

We have started off the term with a whole school topic, King Charles III Coronation. We had a look at his family tree and had a go at creating one of our own. We will also be learning about Fair Trade this term.



Literacy:

We finished last term with 'The Last Bear' a novel by Hannah Gold. This beautiful story prompted lots of discussion about climate change and endangered species and research. We have started this term with 'The Creakers' by Tom Fletcher as our milk and story novel. It's a definite page turner and we are all enjoying it.

Reading workshops continue to happen 3 times a week. The children have read a variety of fiction and non fiction texts. The focus will remain on reading skills and comprehension.

The children continue to enjoy 20 minutes of independent reading time in class most days. It has been wonderful to see how keen the children are to choose their own books and share what they have enjoyed reading with the class. Primary 4 continue to add to their word count in Accelerated Reader. As a group the target for the Easter holidays was 2 million words. I am delighted to tell you that we have achieved that and have read over 2.2 million words in total!

In writing this term we will be learning to write instructions. We will look at the type of vocabulary that is used in this kind of writing including words or groups of words that tell us how, when and where. We vary the verbs that we use and consider the language that we use to explain the order that something should be done in; first, then, next, finally.

The 'everytime we write' targets will still be as high profile as ever

- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Joining words
- Best handwriting
- Checking over our work to make sure it makes sense.
- Spelling tricky words



Numeracy/Maths:

Active numeracy and maths sessions are part of our daily timetable. This term our initial numeracy focus will be on fractions and decimals. We will also revisit our work on multiplication and division as well as place value. We will learn about measure in maths looking at length, weight and area. In the second half of the term we will be learning about angles, symmetry and transformation.

The children continue to work on 'Basic Facts' in maths. This is the quick recall of number facts, for example number bonds to 20 or times tables.



Health & Wellbeing

As part of our Health and Wellbeing learning this term P3/4 will be learning about their bodies, feelings and making choices. This part of our learning is called Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood. An email with more information about this was and a link to the resources we will be using was sent before the Easter holidays. If you need a copy of this please let me know.



Appointments:

If you have any concerns or would like to talk about any aspect of your child's education, please phone or email the school.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or anything that you would like to speak to me about.

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