

Welcome to Primary 4!

This term in Primary 4 we will be learning...

Literacy



We have now begun our new reading, writing and spelling programme in class – **Read, Write, Inc.** We will be using this scheme most days to read sounds and key words, to complete a variety of dictation, correction and comprehension activities and spelling practice. Children will be focusing on a new spelling pattern each week, this pattern will be practised each day in class and children should practice reading and writing these words at home as often as they can – they will be shared on the class blog each week. Children will also be supplied with a book to read for enjoyment. These will be coming home and should be used to challenge children and also to foster a **love** of reading for all of our children – to support this children are welcome to bring into class a book from home or the library if they wish.



Health & Wellbeing

We have begun this session with a strong focus on our rights. As a school we have registered to work towards becoming a Rights Respecting School and this term we have a whole school focus on **Respect** – what this means for us and how we show it to others. We have created four class values which we have decided to uphold in Primary 4 – **safe, respectful, kind** and **listening**. We have also made 'Respect Promises' which we try hard to keep as they uphold our values.

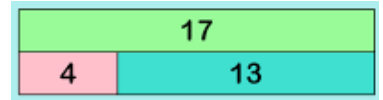
We will also be looking at our emotional wellbeing through our **Building Resilience** programme. Please keep a look out for the home activities being sent out.



Maths



We have spent our first few weeks of this term focusing on telling the **time**, we have learnt to use digital and analogue clocks to read quarter to, quarter past, half past and o'clock times. We will be revising this throughout the year in our conversations and activities. We have now moved on to look at **Addition and Subtraction**. We are revising 'Number Buddies' and 'Fact Families' and will be using this knowledge to help us to learn number bonds to 10, 20 and within 100 using bar models, number lines and concrete materials.



We will also be developing our ICT skills while using iPads to support our learning in maths. Children will regularly use **QR codes** to access games and activities that directly support the learning in class and wherever possible these will be shared to support home learning too.

Our Topic - Australia



This term we will be completing a country study of Australia. We will be looking at many of this countries features including its famous landmarks, wildlife and artwork. We sadly won't be able to take a trip to Australia but will be working as travel agents to show you our learning through leaflets, brochures and presentations which we will produce to present our findings.

Did you know?

Sydney is 16, 865 kilometres from Edinburgh?

R.M.E.

After the October break we will be focusing some of our work on **Harvest** and learning about the special meals shared by families and friends around the world.

Our '**Big Homework**' for the term will be to share some information with the class about the special meals your family have when celebrating. This could be a birthday, to celebrate a new arrival, a religious celebration or custom or any time your family celebrate. All children will be encouraged to help prepare some of these foods at home, share pictures and to talk to their class about this. More information about this will follow.



How Can You Help at Home?

- Use the internet or visit the library to research our Australia topic.
- Share a book together regularly and talk about what you have read. Read a range of different types of books as often as you can to expand vocabulary and understanding of different types of text.
- Practise addition and subtraction facts regularly and at speed at home.
- Talk about the time whenever you use a clock, talk about how long some tasks take and when certain things happen.

Some final points...

- Mr Barrett supports our learning in class and in the playground everyday.
- Mrs Speedie takes us for one day each week as Mrs Peoples has a day working on whole school improvements.
- Bring a named water bottle each day.
- Ensure you are ready to learn – soft start in our classroom currently begins at 8.40AM.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place each **Wednesday** and **Friday**. We will also be working with Eliot, our clusters' Active Schools Co-Ordinator, on a Monday. initially this will be working on team work and skills around building resilience then we will be looking at Basketball skills with the hope of helping some of our children join a cluster basketball league and after school club.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS GYM KIT IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY.



ICT

In school we will be using iPads regularly. Your child has agreed to our class ICT contract and must comply with these rules for this privilege to remain.

To help with homework and home learning your child will given their own login details for **Education City** and **Active Learn** online resources. They will also begin to use QR codes to quickly access a variety of online games linked to their learning – these can be accessed from most tablets and smartphones. Please be aware that we cannot monitor what sites your child accesses from home so please ensure appropriate online safety measures are followed – for more advice you can look at www.thinkuknow.co.uk



Questions?

Should you have any worries, questions or concerns, at any point during the year, please feel free to come and see us or call the office and make an appointment for me to speak with you.

Kind Regards, Mrs Peoples

