

# Primary 4's Term Ahead.

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

## Literacy



This term we will be continuing with *Read, Write, Inc.* in class each day and starting another new level of books to offer more challenge to our most advanced readers. Our spelling work will go back to focusing on a variety of spelling patterns, including revision of some patterns we have already looked at, usually with different words. As we have done previously children should practice reading and writing these words at home as often as they can, they will be sent home in homework jotters each week. Children will also be encouraged to **read for enjoyment** – to support this children are welcome to bring into class a book from home or the library. Our class novels this term will begin with *The Legend of Spud Murphy*. We will be focusing our writing work on writing to persuade and will be using some real life examples for our work.

## Our Topic – Stop Motion Animation

This term we will be learning about Stop Animation and using iPads and our creativity skills to plan, create and share a series of small films. **Stop Motion Animation** is used in films like Wallace and Gromit and Chicken Run and uses hundreds (and thousands) of photographs with slight changes in each one which are put together to make a sequence.

We hope this topic will give us the opportunity to **welcome you into school to watch our completed films** and to share this exciting learning with you.



## Numeracy & Maths

With Mrs Peoples this term we will be focusing on **Multiplication and Division** before moving on to **Fractions** and **Measurement**. We will also be working with Mr Dawes-Salazar on **Data Handling and Analysis** and **Angles, Symmetry and Transformation**. Our homework focus for the whole term will be to practice quick recall of our times tables. Children should be able to count forwards and backwards in their focus number and also be able to recall multiplication and division facts quickly when asked. Children will continue to play games to support their learning and should practice their favourite ones using the QR codes, **Education City** and **Sumdog** to practice their maths work in school and at home.



## Health & Wellbeing.

Health week this term will offer us lots of opportunities for fun and learning about a healthy lifestyle. We will try new sports including, shinty and basketball at the Craggs Sports Centre. We will take part in Outdoor Learning with Rob from Edinburgh Lothian Greenspace Trust and Take part in activities to improve our mental wellbeing such as yoga and creativity. We will also learn about the effects of sugar, sleep and water on our bodies. The week will close with Sports Day which we plan to hold on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May in Holyrood Park – Please feel free to come and join us.



## Giraffe About Town

Primary 4 have been chosen to take part in a very special project this term – Edinburgh Zoo are working with creative producers 'Wild in Art' to present **Giraffe About Town** – a large scale public art event in Edinburgh in the Summer of 2022. Our Giraffe (or Oor Giraffe as we have named it!) will be on display around the city – keep your eyes on the class blog page to watch our progress and find out where you can visit it!



## How Can You Help at Home?

- Use the internet or visit the library to research our Scotland topic and keep a look out for special Scottish week homework coming home.
- 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 multiplication and division facts regularly and at speed at home.

## Some final points...

- Thank you to those of you who attended Parent Consultations, It was lovely to meet so many of you in person.
- Mr Barrett supports our learning in class and in the playground each day.
- Mr Dawes-Salazar takes us for two days each week as Mrs Peoples has this time to work on whole school improvements.
- Mr Madine takes us for a slot of learning in the gym hall each week.
- Ensure you are ready to learn – soft start in our classroom begins at 8.40AM

## P.E.

P.E. lessons will continue to take place each **Monday** and **Wednesday**. This term we will be developing and practising our foot skills with a ball. We will be using a variety of sports, and different sized balls, to control, pass and manipulate a ball with our feet. Throughout this learning we will aim to incorporate other technique points from across our learning, including body and foot positions.

Towards the end of the term we will investigate more traditional summer sports and activities; including athletics, cricket and rounders. While helping us develop our physical skills these games and activities will also allow us to develop our team work and communication skills.

PLEASE MAKE SURE GYM KIT IS IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY.



## Outdoor Learning

This term we will be working outdoors as much as possible. We will be regularly enjoying the warmer weather for brain breaks and the daily mile as well as using the local surroundings for trips and activities. Please ensure your child is prepared everyday and on warmer days ensure your child is wearing appropriate high factor sun cream. Hats and a bottle of water should also be brought to school each day.

## 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 & Mr Dawes-Salazar

