



Primary 3 Newsletter Term 4



Welcome by Mr Thornley

Hello parents/carers, welcome to my final class newsletter of this academic year! I hope we all managed to enjoy a relaxing and well-deserved break? It was certainly a challenge towards the end of term, with many of us (me included) falling ill and this impacted/curtailed several fun activities I had planned. My highlights last term included the class making pancakes for the whole school and planting 150 trees at Haddo Estate with Lord Aberdeen!

I spent seven days over the Easter holidays qualifying to become a Woodland Activity Leader, I have lots of ideas for engaging outdoor activities planned for this term.

As a reminder, every Thursday Mrs Bretherton teaches the class in my absence. We communicate regularly to ensure there is a smooth transition, supporting each other to deliver effective learning.

Looking Ahead

Mathematics and numeracy. This term, we will be working on our understanding and knowledge of measurement, shape, position, and movement as well as angles and symmetry. We will return to previous subject areas to revise our mathematical skills ready for P4 next term! We will also continue to code and explore the mathematical curriculum using Sumdog as this supports independent learning both at home and in the classroom.

English and Literacy. Our focus this term will be to explore creating different styles of writing, including persuasive, descriptive and narrative. We will have regular opportunities to explore outdoor experiences and contexts for learning to develop literacy skills. Spelling homework will continue with pupils challenged to further develop their decoding skills and understanding of spelling rules. Finally, we will also continue to explore new texts, offering more choice to immerse your young person in the joy of reading.

Context for learning. Our focus for this term is to finish the River Ythan topic and its significant importance supporting local wildlife and biodiversity. I have re-scheduled our class walk along the river with the local countryside ranger for Thursday 5th May. (Any parents wishing to come along are more than welcome) Once we finish our River Ythan investigation, we will then move onto looking at people from the past, specifically Kings and Queens of Scotland. This will be even more significant with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee later next month. I am hoping we can also manage a final class trip this term, details to be announced nearer the time.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via Seesaw or the school office. I am really looking forward to this busy and final term, working with the children to support their learning and develop inquisitive minds!

Many thanks,

Mr Thornley



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Class Timetable

	9 am – 10.30 am		10.45 am – 12.15 pm		1.15 pm – 3.15 pm
Monday	Numeracy and mathematics	BREAK	Literacy	LUNCH	First Aid Training/HWB
Tuesday	Literacy		PE with Mrs Flockton		Numeracy and mathematics then HWB
Wednesday	Literacy		Numeracy and mathematics		Context for learning/Craft then HWB
Thursday	Numeracy and mathematics		Literacy		Expressive Arts – Drama or RME or French then HWB
Friday	Literacy		Numeracy & mathematics		Craft or STEM (group tasks) then HWB