



Primary 4

Term 1 Newsletter



It has been G.R.E.A.T getting to know your children and I am looking forward to working alongside you all to support your child's learning. After a very positive handover from Mr. Thornley, we are looking forward to continuing our learning journey and having a busy and productive term in P4. I will do my best to keep you all updated with dates and important information via Seesaw.



Handle with Care

If your child is experiencing difficulty at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that details are not always to be shared and that is OK. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend please message with "Handle with Care" on Seesaw. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience and help during the day. **Due to changes in our use of Seesaw from Aberdeenshire Council, information on how to send a message on will be provided.**

Literacy

Throughout Term 1, we will be developing our skills in Imaginative Writing. This will include creating unique characters and settings through the effective use of description. We will then be putting these characters into stories that have a clear structure (beginning, middle and end). When writing independently, we will be focusing on punctuating our work accurately by using capital letters, full stops, question marks or exclamation marks. Finally, we will also have a focus on editing our work. This will allow us to see our strengths in writing and identify our next steps.



New Spelling rules will be taught every **Monday** with words being posted to Seesaw on the same day. If you would prefer a paper copy of your child's spelling words, then please let me know. **I will provide more information on how your child can practise their spelling from home, next week, on Seesaw.**

Reading will be heard regularly throughout the week with a focus on reading aloud with expression whilst showing an understanding of what has been read through answering a range of questions. As a class we will also be reading *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl.

Updates regarding reading from home will be posted regularly on Seesaw.



Numeracy

In Number, we will be developing our understanding of Place Value. This will include reading, writing, and ordering whole numbers to 1000 and beyond for some. We will also identify the value of each digit in a whole number with three digits, for example, $867 = 800 + 60 + 7$. We will also focus on solving problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, whilst making best use of our mental and written strategies that we have developed. These strategies may include:



- Repeated addition
- Grouping
- Arrays
- Equal groups/sharing equally

In Data Handling, we will be exploring a variety of ways in which data can be presented. By carrying out questionnaires of our own, we will learn how to display data in a clear and accurate way by creating tables and charts.

Other Curricular Areas

Mrs Flockton will take the class for P.E. every Tuesday and I will deliver the second session on a Friday. Ms Rees will be delivering French lessons every Wednesday.



Class Topic

This Term our class topic is 'Minibeasts' and we will be spending a considerable amount of time outdoors. Please make sure that your child has shoes for both indoor and outdoor lessons. We will be learning to distinguish between living and non-living things by sorting them into groups and explaining our decisions. We will also explore examples of food chains and learn to show an appreciation for how animals and plants depend on each other for food. Lessons will include catching minibeasts, exploring habitat preferences, classification activities and food chains/webs.

If any parents/carers have some expertise in this area, then please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Health and Wellbeing

In Health and Wellbeing, we will be focusing on creating a learning environment where the wellbeing of all is at the centre of everything that we do. We will develop positive relationships with peers and members of staff whilst learning skills to manage our emotions effectively. Wellbeing Wednesdays will be a dedicated part of our weekly timetable to allow for a range of activities to be delivered.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the office and arrange a telephone meeting.

Kind regards,

Mr. Reid

P4 Class Teacher