



Primary 4

Term 2 Newsletter



Hello everyone!

I hope that you all had a G.R.E.A.T October break with your families. We are looking forward to another busy and productive Term in Primary 4. Preparations for our Christmas performance will soon be underway, and we can't wait to spread some festive cheer! I will continue to do my best to keep you all updated with dates and important information via Seesaw.

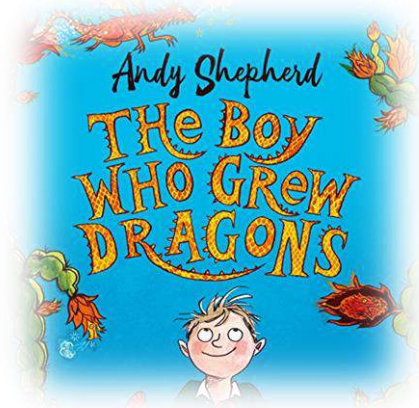


Handle with Care

If your child is experiencing difficulty at home, I would like to provide additional support at. 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 pass on a note saying "Handle with Care" with your child in the morning. 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.

Literacy

Much of our learning in Literacy this Term will be linked to our whole class novel 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andi Shepherd. This book tells the story of Tomas as he discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden. He takes a funny fruit from the tree back into his house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches!



This novel will give us plenty of opportunities to develop our writing skills, for example in:

- Personal Writing (Diary and letter writing)
- Descriptive Writing (Creating our own dragons!)
- Creating Fact-Files
- Newspaper Reports
- Book Reviews

By reading a whole class novel, be it as a one large group, in small groups or in pairs, this will be a fantastic opportunity to have a deep dive into the text. Reading books will continue to be sent home with more of a focus on non-fiction texts for this Term. Updates regarding reading from home will continue to be posted on Seesaw.

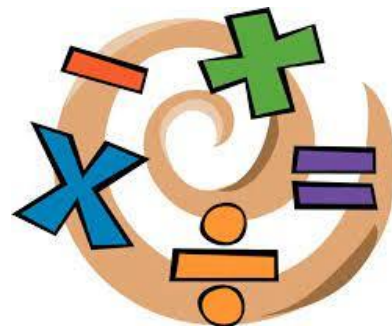


New Spelling rules will continue to be taught every **Monday** with words being posted to Seesaw on the same day. Practising little and often at home can have a positive impact on your child's spelling.

Numeracy

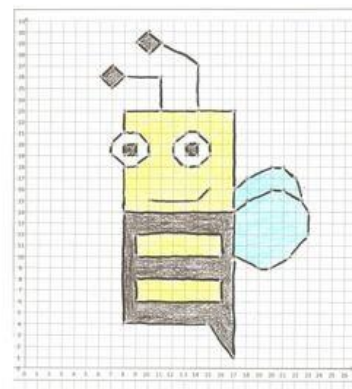
In Number, we will continue to focus on solving problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, whilst making best use of our mental and written strategies that we have developed. These strategies will include:

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



We will also be furthering our understanding of Angles, Grid Referencing (Coordinates) and Symmetry. This will include:

- Recognising and describing right angles
- Knowing and using the compass points - North, South, East and West
- Describing, plotting, and using accurate two figure grid references, demonstrating knowledge of the horizontal and vertical location.
- Identifying symmetry in patterns, pictures, nature and 2D shapes.
- Creating symmetrical pictures and designs with more than one line of symmetry.



Other Curricular Areas

Mrs Flockton will continue to take the class for P.E. every Tuesday and I will deliver the second session on a Friday. Please make sure that your child has a full change of clothes for P.E. Ms Rees will be delivering French lessons every Wednesday.

Class Topic

This Term our class topic is 'Christmas Around the World'. We will be learning to compare the lifestyle and culture of citizens in another country with those in Scotland, discussing similarities and differences. The children will be placed into groups with a specific country to research and learn about. In these groups the children will then work collaboratively to plan and deliver a presentation to their peers at the end of Term.

Health and Wellbeing

In Health and Wellbeing, we will be continuing to build a learning environment where the wellbeing of all is at the centre of everything that we do. Wellbeing Wednesdays will be a dedicated part of our weekly timetable to allow for a range of activities to be delivered. This Term, Wellbeing Wednesday will focus on delivering lessons on the SHANARRI Wheel.



P4 will also be learning about substance misuse. We will be learning that there are medicines and some other substances that can be used in a safe way to improve our health and become aware of how choices we make can affect our health and wellbeing.

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