

Primary 3/4

Session 2018-2019

Hello everyone and welcome to Primary 3/4! We are just back and it's all go already! Of course, you'll know by now that opportunities for learning crop up as pupils take lead of their learning experiences. This flyer is a general overview of our busy year ahead.

Literacy and English

Writing – Over the year we will be following the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy guidelines to ensure that all pupils have a chance to write in a variety of different ways. Pupils will get opportunities to write every day in class. In addition to this on a Wednesday afternoon children will partake in a 'Big Writing' session. Pupils will plan and create an extended piece of writing, allowing them to work on a range of genre. Where possible this will link to the current IDL topic.

Reading – All pupils will read books appropriate to their level on a weekly basis, covering 1-2 books per week, depending on length. Pupils will develop different reading strategies by competing follow up tasks in class. This will support pupils as they explore topic work, research challenges and also in their reading for enjoyment. Pupils will also have the opportunity to take part in the First Minister's Reading Challenge.

Spelling & Phonics – We follow the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy guidelines when teaching phonics and spelling. This involves pupils participating in phonics and spelling activities 4 days per week with additional homework set to support this learning. We will revise sounds taught last year before moving onto trickier phonemes and spelling words in September.

Mathematics

Pupils will begin this term exploring number and place value. We will build upon previous knowledge by covering a range of maths topics in more detail.



Each day pupils will explore and participate in mental maths through Big Maths and Number Talks activities. These aim to deepen understanding and improve speed in carrying out mental calculations.

Through Active Start, pupils will get the opportunity to choose numeracy tasks in areas they feel they need more practise or would like further challenge.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) – Pupils in Primary 3/4 will get the opportunity to work as a class and also across their stage through topic work.

Pupils will start the year by sharing their knowledge of how to be active through our SHANARRI topic. Other main topics will include Streetsense, a book study, Harvest, The Egyptians as well as a focus on science and the Eco system. Primary 4 pupils will lead the annual Harvest assembly with the support of our Primary 3 pupils.

Pupils will also get the opportunity to learn new skills in other curricular areas including ICT, French, Music, Art, RME and Drama. Where appropriate this will be linked to IDL topics.

Physical Education – Pupils will have PE every Monday after break. Pupils can store their PE kits in school to ensure they have their kit available. They will also participate in the Smile Mile, and for that reason we ask that pupils bring an appropriate jacket to school over the cooler months.



Homework – A homework diary with appropriate tasks will



be issued on a Monday for the whole week.

It is expected that all homework should be completed and returned by Friday. If however

there is a problem completing it – please do

get in touch so that an alternative arrangement can be made!

I have high expectations for the children in Primary 3/4.

Children will be expected to develop further

independence and responsibility in their learning. Children

will continue to focus on taking pride in their work and

celebrate the achievements they make, both within and

outside of school. Children will also try hard to follow

'1,2,3 Magic' (our school behaviour policy) to ensure our

school values are upheld.

You can help support your child by encouraging them to

try their very best and to ask for help if they need it. I am

always happy to explain things again to ensure that individuals are confident and secure in their learning.

We have an open door policy at Struthers Primary and if you have any queries or issues then please get in touch, either by making a note in the homework diary or I am available most days straight after school.

Thanks

Mr Cole