

Primary 4

Session 2018-2019

Hello everyone and welcome to Primary 4! We are just back and it's all go! This flyer will showcase all the curricular areas and learning experiences Primary 4 will be exploring this year.

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. Our whole class writing will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and discussion and planning will take place every Tuesday afternoon. Pupils will plan and create an extended piece of writing, allowing them to work on a range of genres. Where possible this will link to the current IDL topic.

Reading - In Primary 4 the North Lanarkshire Literacy Programme enables pupils to explore a range of fiction and non-fiction books during this term including, 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' and 'Charlotte's Web'. Pupils will develop a variety of reading strategies by completing written tasks which will allow pupils to gain a deeper understanding of the text. This will support pupils as they explore topic work, research challenges, and reading for enjoyment. In addition, pupils will have the

opportunity to be involved 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.

Mathematics

Pupils will begin this term exploring number and place value. Throughout Primary 4 we will build upon prior knowledge by covering a range of maths topics in greater depth. All maths concepts will be embedded in topics in a fun and engaging manner.

Everyday pupils will explore and participate in mental maths through Big Maths and Number Talk activities. This aims to deepen understanding and improve speed in carrying out mental calculations.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) - We have a very exciting year ahead with lots of exciting topics to explore. Pupils will get

the opportunity to work as a class and across their stage through topic work.

Pupils will start the year by sharing their knowledge of how to be nurtured through our SHANARRI topic. Other main topics will include: Streetsense, Harvest, a book study, The Egyptians and The Human Body. Primary 4 pupils will be leading our annual Harvest assembly.



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 have PE on a Monday morning. Pupils can leave their PE kits in school to ensure they have their kit available. During this time pupils will be working on team building and cooperative skills through group activities.



Homework - All homework for the week will be issued on a Monday with a description of the tasks given in the homework diary. It is expected that all homework should be completed and returned by Thursday.



High Expectations - In Primary 4 we are setting the bar very high. Pupils are expected to develop further independence and responsibility in their learning. Pupils will continue to focus on taking pride in their work and celebrate the achievements they make. In class all children are encouraged to be the best they can be in all areas. In addition, pupils will try hard to follow 1,2,3 Magic (our school behaviour policy) to ensure our school values are upheld.

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

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

Thanks,

Miss Alexander