

## Primary 4

### Session 2017 - 2018

Primary 4 has kicked off and it is already proving to be a busy and exciting year! This flier will showcase the curricular areas Primary 4 will be exploring throughout the session.

#### Literacy and English



**Writing:** Our whole class writing will take place on a Wednesday morning with planning and discussion taking place each Tuesday afternoon. Throughout the year we will be working on a range of genres which are usually covered by linking them to the IDL work carried out in class. This will ensure children are continuing to make progress in a variety of skills as well as revisiting skills which need further development. You will have the opportunity to see this work when jotters and pupil profiles are sent home towards the end of each term. Occasionally tasks will be sent home which reflect our language and writing focus for that week. It would be a huge support for children to receive support at home throughout all aspects of their writing.

**Reading:** In Primary 4 the North Lanarkshire Literacy Programme enables children to explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts during the course of the session such as 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' and 'Charlotte's Web'. Children will be given opportunities to work on active comprehension and written tasks to develop their questioning and gain a deeper understanding of the text. We will also be developing other Literacy skills through our topic work and research challenges both in class and at home.



#### Numeracy:

We will be covering a range of maths topics throughout Primary 4 which continue to build upon prior knowledge. All maths concepts and problem solving skills are embedded in topics in a fun and exciting way. Each day children will continue to explore and participate in *Big Maths* and *Number Talks* tasks which aim to deepen the children's mental number process skills. This allows children the opportunity to choose Numeracy tasks in areas they feel they need more practise or would like further challenge.

Further information can be found on the Maths Pathway located in your child's individual Pupil Profile. The profiles will be used as a tool to track progress and 'see' individual achievements.

#### Health and Wellbeing:

Health and Wellbeing will be explored all the way through Primary 4 whereby children will build upon their social and emotional development through *Creating Confident Kids* both in class and during Assembly. The class lessons will be taken by Mr. Sturdy on Thursday mornings. Our IDL topics will also provide opportunities for children to focus upon road safety and our current Health topic pupils are creating a 'How I stay staying healthy' diary and producing their own silent movie about their topic.

#### Physical Education:

During the first 6 weeks all of the primary 4's will participate in football coaching children that will be taken by Ayr United and further PE blocks will take place on a Thursday morning. However these days may change throughout the year. Children will develop their PE skills both indoors and outdoors. At this time children will also be working on their team building and cooperative skills through group activities. Please ensure children have appropriate clothing on these days.



### Interdisciplinary Learning:

We have a very exciting year ahead with lots of amazing topics to explore. We will be investigating our Local Community by looking at maps and grid references, identifying the importance of a healthy lifestyle throughout our Health, Road Safety and My Body topics as well as taking part in scientific investigations during our Electricity focus. Children will also step back in time and discover the life of the Vikings throughout our historical topic.

Throughout the year we will hopefully take our learning out with the classroom and go on trips which link in with some of our IDL topics.



### RME:

Primary 4 will be responsible for the annual Harvest Festival assembly. We will promote the change of season by helping Struthers with the food bank collection and we will perform a range of songs to celebrate the Harvest time of year. We will also explore a variety of significant religious buildings.

### Expressive Arts:

**Art:** All art activities will be explored through our IDL topics by using a range of mediums such as line, colour and tone.



**Music:** Primary 4 will be looking at rhythm and linking this with the variety of IDL topics which we explore throughout each term. For example during our Viking topic we will investigate Viking chants and will create our own.



**Drama:** The class will be given the opportunity to participate in the school drama after school club as well as participating in drama lessons that will be linked to their topic.

### High Expectation

In Primary 4 we are setting the bar very high. Children will be expected to develop further independence and responsibility throughout their learning. Children will continue to focus on taking pride in their work and celebrate the achievements they make. Children will continue to set and evaluate individual targets throughout our weekly target setting and they will use their pupil profiles to showcase their achievements throughout the curriculum. Jotters and profiles will be sent home for you to see what your children have been doing and how they are progressing. Pupils also have responsibility for recording wider achievement in to our class folder. In class children will be encouraged to strive to be the best they can be in all areas.

### Home Learning

Maths and language/spelling homework will be given on a Monday for Thursday. On Wednesday children may be given an IDL task based around their topic for the following week. Every term pupils will be given a project based homework task centred on our class topic for that term. Additional information will be provided at the relevant time. For some tasks Primary 4 will communicate through GLOW to complete class and home learning tasks. All children will be given usernames and logins to access this great support, challenge and learning hub which will be updated on a regular basis.

If there is anything you would like to ask or if you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Struthers P.S. has an open door policy and you can arrange a meeting to speak with me in person through contacting the office or if you would prefer I can be contacted by phone on a Wednesday morning between 9:15am and 10:30am.

Mr Kerr

