



Primary 3, 4 Newsletter: Term 1

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Welcome to our termly 'Class Newsletter' which aims to give you a little more information about what your child will be doing this term.

Welcome	Homework	This term we aim to...
<p>Hello and welcome to term 1 of Primary 3/4! I do hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are ready to embrace the school year ahead.</p> <p>As always, our first week back was devoted to learning to learn. This is a great chance to focus on different strategies for learning, discussing and setting expectations for the year ahead and of course, getting to know each other and catch up on our holiday stories!</p> <p>Together, we discussed the Rights of the Child as detailed in the UNCRC, and how these rights are respected in school. After considering this we have created our own Class Charter which encourages positive behaviour and attitude to learning. This is displayed on our classroom wall and serves to remind us of our promise to respect and safeguard our rights and those of others around us.</p>	<p>Homework jotters have now been sent home and, in most cases, include all the spelling words for the term. Please follow the instructions issued on Google Classroom. Words should be written twice in neat handwriting and an activity chosen from the grid each week to practise writing the words a third time. Maximum benefit is achieved when spelling is practised for a short time daily. Please submit via Google Classroom on Friday each week.</p> <p>Reading books will be issued later in the term but I would encourage reading for pleasure at home in the meantime.</p> <p>Maths tasks will be set on Sumdog regularly but remember you can use this any time to practise maths skills in a fun and engaging way.</p> <p>To further support our ongoing focus on positive mental health, the children will be offered a grid of activities based on the Five Ways to Wellbeing. The activities will be fun and suitable for all the family. We hope you enjoy taking part and encourage you to share any highlights by emailing the school.</p>	<p>Our topic this term is Me and My Body. There will be a general focus on us all being individuals with our own unique talents, likes and dislikes. We will learn about the skeleton, some major organs of the body and how they work, health and hygiene and some common illnesses.</p> <p>In maths this term we will be learning about place value, the number system, counting on and back in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s and breaking numbers into their hundreds, tens and ones. These skills are important building blocks for progression in all areas of numeracy, so it's worth spending time consolidating and developing before moving on to calculations with larger numbers. Mrs Thomson will be teaching practical maths during the year, beginning with money in Term one.</p> <p>The children are working on a range of spelling programmes, all of which encourage the development of various strategies for decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling/ writing). The Active Literacy, Highland Literacy and Nussy programmes all suggest a range of activities to practise these skills.</p>

Mrs Johnston

	RMPS	Handwriting
Mon		
Tues	*	
Wed		*
Thurs		
Fri		

Timetable

	P.E	Spelling H / W	Mrs Thomson	Gardening
Mon		*		
Tues				
Wed	*			
Thurs			*	*
Fri			*	

This term we are reading a class novel together. This offers the opportunity for children to engage with a quality text above their reading level which can help develop vocabulary and other important literacy skills in a supported, collaborative way. We are reading Michael Morpurgo's *This Morning I met a Whale*.

The children will complete an extended writing task each week. To begin with, we are working on personal writing to share information about ourselves and the things we enjoy. The children will experience a range of genre this term to include informative writing and creative writing.

PE and Gardening –

As mentioned previously, pupils should come dressed in trainers, comfortable bottoms (leggings, joggers or shorts) with their school polo and jumper on top. On gardening day, clothing suitable for working outside is essential including appropriate footwear.

French –

Our additional language learning this term will cover various areas including numbers to 20, weather, favourite colours and classroom instructions. The [Northern Alliance Family Learning](#) site is full of fun family activities that you can do at home. Remember, learning a language has many benefits for learners of all ages and there are several languages to choose from.

I do hope we will be able to meet soon but should you have any queries in the meantime, please do get in touch.