

# Primary 3/4 Newsletter

## Term 4



### Topic

This term we'll be studying Biodiversity (all living things). This will mainly focus on our local area and we'll learn about the plants, animals, birds & insects which live in and around Fyvie. We'll learn to use maps to make predictions about which habitats & wildlife may be found in different places.

We'll find out about different life cycles, learn about food chains and food webs and apply our knowledge about what plants need to (hopefully) grow our own vegetables.

We'll research the wider wildlife of Aberdeenshire and Scotland (including finding out their Doric names) and learn about some endangered wildlife and what we can do to help protect it.



### Maths

We will be continuing to work on a variety of strategies for multiplication and division including quick and accurate recall of key facts. We'll be learning about fractions, comparing and ordering them and finding out about their use in everyday life. There will be the opportunity for some work on equations (algebra) and solving maths puzzles. Finally, we'll be working on revising all the maths skills we've learned this year and using and applying them in real-life contexts and for problem solving. This will involve sharing and discussing ideas, choosing suitable strategies and applying knowledge and skills with accuracy to solve problems.



### Literacy

We'll be continuing to work on showing our understanding of texts by applying those skills to listening this term, including learning to make notes and create a new text with the information obtained. Regular group reading sessions will continue to focus on finding evidence to prove answers are correct as well as on reading with expression and applying strategies to be able to read and understand new vocabulary. In writing we'll be focusing on imaginative story writing, as well as persuasive writing and letters. We'll also be practising our scripting and speaking skills by performing a class assembly later in the term.

### Outdoor Learning



We will be working outside regularly on a Wednesday afternoon this term, no matter what the weather is doing, working on a variety of subject areas including topic work. **We will also be working outside at other times on topic work around the school grounds. Please make sure the children have appropriate clothing for the weather every day of the week.**

### Homework

As per our current school policy, homework will be handed out on a Monday and will be collected on a Thursday. I would ask that you remember to sign homework once it has been completed.

### Specialists



This term we have the following specialists:

Art - Mr Orskov (Wed & Thurs)

Music - Mr Janetta (Tuesday)

We have PE on Monday & Thursday this term. It would be useful if pupils kept their PE kit in school all week as we may go out at other times when the weather allows.

We will be visiting the school library on a Monday this term. Please remember your books.



### Water bottles

Our classroom can get very warm and dry so it would be beneficial if your child brought a bottle to school with them daily which they can fill with water in school as necessary and keep in the classroom to drink from throughout the day. **Please ensure names are on them.** Thanks.