

Primary 3/4 Newsletter

Term 1



Topic

Our first topic, which will run for part of Term 2 as well, is *Scintillating Science*. We'll become inquisitive investigators and carry out exciting experiments, covering different areas of the science curriculum.

This term we'll focus on forces, discovering what friction is and how some musical instruments create their sounds. We'll also find out about the properties of different materials and do some experiments to discover if and how we can change them. This will involve using our senses, and also learning about safe use and storage of certain substances (including medicines.)

Timetabling

This term we will also be taught by the following teachers:

Art - Mrs McLean (Thursday & Friday)
Technologies - Mrs Barron (Wednesday)

We have PE on Tuesday & Thursday this term but we may well take the opportunity to play games outside at other times as the weather permits, so it would be useful if pupils kept their PE kit in school all week and took it home on a Friday to be cleaned. For the P4s the Thursday session is swimming.

We will be visiting the school library on a Thursday so please remember your books.

Maths



We will be working on shape, position and movement this term, including identifying, naming and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will look at maps and give directions in different ways, including using the points of the compass. We will also be working on number: looking at number patterns & sequences, comparing and ordering numbers, place value and working on numbers up to 1000. Some pupils will also work on numbers beyond 1000. We will also do some revision of addition & subtraction and times tables already covered last year.

Literacy



We are starting with some revision of spelling patterns and will then be applying this knowledge to other words. This may mean you initially see spelling sounds repeated in homework as revision. In reading we will be focusing on reading aloud with expression as well as furthering our comprehension skills. Talking and listening will be covered through everyday work, as well as topic work. We will be writing imaginative stories, poems, fact files & reports linked to topic work, concentrating on grammar, sentence structure and handwriting as well as on making the writing interesting for the reader. In addition, we'll be using the Scots translation of *The Gruffalo* to inspire some Scots writing in the woods.

Outdoor Learning



We will be working outside regularly on a Monday afternoon, no matter what the weather is, working on a variety of subject areas including topic work. We will also be working outside at other times where it will add to the pupils' learning experience. Please make sure the children have appropriate clothing for all weathers. If you are able to help us, please let me know!

Water bottles

Our classroom can be very warm 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.



Homework

Homework will usually 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. Thank you.