

Happy New Year.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new term in Primary 4/3. We are delighted to be taking over the class and it was great to see so many pupils lined up on time this week. Attending regularly and arriving on time are crucial to a successful school day and we really appreciate all you do to make that happen.

We anticipate a busy and interesting term as we look at Scotland's geography and culture in the first part of the term and Scotland's past as we study Knights and Castles after the February break. In Numeracy we are focusing on our adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing skills along with work on time and measure. We find pupils are good at recognising digital time but struggle with clock faces. Pointing out the time on clock faces is a great help to support your child.

In literacy we are working at reading independently. In addition to reading books which come home, we will read 'The Sheep Pig by Dick King-Smith' as a class novel. Please encourage your child to bring their reading book to school every day as we use the texts to work on reading skills such as inferring, visualising, predicting and analysing. In writing we will look at poetry and narrative writing styles.

P.E. takes place outdoors on Monday afternoons and indoors on Thursday mornings. Pupils can come to school wearing dark coloured joggers and their school t shirt and jumper for P.E. but jewellery must be left at home. In the cold weather, we ask pupils to keep their hats, scarves and gloves in their schoolbags when they are in class. Water bottles are kept at the hydration station. Please label your child's property, especially jumpers and coats so we can return any that we find.

A date for your diary is our class assembly which takes place on Friday 30th January. The Blackfriars Blether begins at 9am and the assembly begins at 9:30am. Reminders will be posted on Seesaw where you can find information and updates on what is happening in class. Homework is also posted on Seesaw.

Thank you again for all you do to support your child's education. We look forward to seeing you in the weeks ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs Veitch and Mrs Wilson