

P4/3 Class Newsletter: Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for the new school year. We are very excited to welcome our P4/3 class and have enjoyed getting to know the children over the first few weeks. So far, we have been working together to build a positive classroom environment and to settle into our new routines.

This year, our class will be shared two teachers: Mr Black and Ms Ritchie. Mr Black will be with the class on Monday afternoons, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, whilst Ms Ritchie will be with the class on Monday mornings and Tuesdays.

Literacy:

This term we will working with a new literacy programme, with a focus on spelling strategies for all learners. Our reading programme will also focus on reading strategies, with learners being provided with a teaching modelling block to support this. We will also continue to use a range of appropriate books and texts, both fiction and non-fiction, to strengthen learning. To help with this, we will also be sending reading books home. **If your child brings a book home, please return it to school each day so they can use it during lessons.**

In writing, we will focus on developing our grammar, punctuation and Tools for Writing skills. For this, will be using the VCOP approach, which covers vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. Listening and Talking activities will include circle time discussions through Time to Talk, as well as paired and group discussions.

Numeracy:

This term we will focus on place value (hundreds, tens and ones) and strategies for working with larger numbers. We will also continue to work on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, to support fast and confident number work. Children will also learn estimation and rounding to deepen their understanding of numbers. This term will also cover the topic of time.

We wish to support all learners with their confidence in maths, both inside and outside the classroom. So, as well as being given homework, children will also have access to Sumdog

and Topmarks, which have a range of games and activities that can be used to support learning at home.

IDL (Inter-disciplinary Learning):

IDL is a fun approach that uses learning and skills from lots of different subjects all together. This term our IDL theme is called *This is Our Community*. It will focus on building relationships within our class, our school, and our wider community.

Homework and Seesaw:

This year we will be using Seesaw to share homework and communicate with families. Homework will begin on Monday 31st August and will be posted weekly on the app. Children will be given homework jotters and can upload photographs of completed work to Seesaw. Some tasks may also be completed directly on the app.

Please feel free to send us a message on Seesaw if you have any questions or concerns.

PE Days:

Our class PE days are **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure your child is wearing their gym clothes on these days, with their school jumper on top. For safety, no jewellery should be worn on gym days, and long hair should be tied up. On Tuesdays, it would also be useful for children to bring a pair of indoor gym shoes.

Meet the Teacher:

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual Meet the Teacher event, which will be held on **Wednesday 26th August (26.08.26) from 3:15pm – 4:15pm**, in three sessions. This is an opportunity to explore our classroom and discuss plans for this year of learning. We would be delighted to see you there.

Best regards,

Mr Black and Ms Ritchie,

Class Teachers