

P4/3 Class Newsletter: Term 2

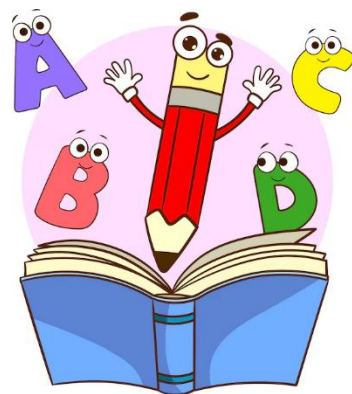
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely October break! It is very exciting to welcome Primary 4/3 back to school, ready for our new learning in Term 2.

Term 2 is an exciting time, with lots of things going on inside and outside of the classroom. There are many celebrations coming up with Halloween and Christmas. It was so lovely to hear from all the children who celebrated Diwali and what they got up to at home. In November, we will also have our first parents evening. This will give you the chance to find out how your child is getting on and progressing at school. I am looking forward to seeing you all!

Literacy

In Primary 4/3 this term, we will be continuing to recap and developing our grammar through our Jolly Grammar Programme. We have been learning all about explanation texts as well as tools for writing in Term 1 and will be moving on to the narrative text type next. In reading, along with their reading books, we will be continuing to improve reading strategies. Please continue to read with them at home to help them reach their best!



In term 1, we have been reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* and have just begun *The Twits*, as the class have been really enjoying Roald Dahl. If you have any book recommendations for what to read next, we would love to hear! Primary 4/3 have been working hard to learn all about making recommendations too.

Numeracy

In Primary 4/3 this term, we will continue practise addition + , subtraction - , multiplication x and division ÷. We will also be working on completing number sequences, investigating some more of money and introducing halves and quarters.



With Mrs Wilson the class will be continuing with beyond number work by investigating volume and area!

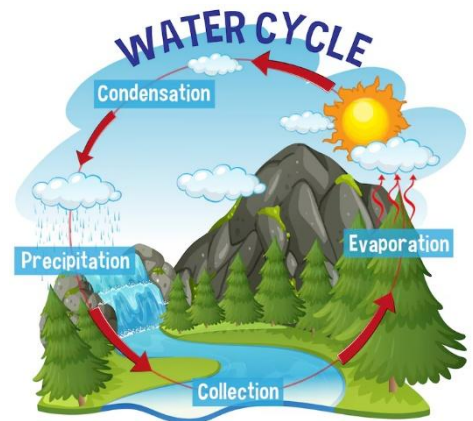
Our aim is to help every child feel strong and confident with maths. Topmarks also have free games that your child can play online at home.

IDL (Inter-disciplinary Learning)

IDL is a fun approach that uses learning and skills from lots of different subjects all together. Our first IDL this term is a book study all about 'Once Upon a Dragon's Fire'. Through drama and the story, we will be exploring health and wellbeing themes of friendship, inclusion and working together as a class. We will be learning about lots of different drama conventions such as freeze frames, role on the wall and improvisation. I'm sure the boys and girls will be very excited to show you their new acting skills!



We will then be moving on to 'The Journey of a Raindrop' by getting our science goggles on and paintbrushes out, to explore the water cycle and make our own models. We will be linking this to Mrs Wilson's numeracy work of measurement to conduct some of our own science experiments. Why not have a go at collecting and measuring the rain at home too?



Gym Days

Our class PE days are still **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please make sure to send your child into school 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. It would help for children to bring a pair of indoor gym shoes on a Tuesday. With the colder weather coming up, please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for going outside.

Other areas

The children are lucky to be continuing to learn Baby Strings music lessons every Friday morning! With the music teacher they will be learning to play the

violin, viola or cello.

Outdoor Learning

In Term 1, Primary 4/3 picked their carrots that they had grown last year. We hope that you enjoyed them and made something tasty! We will be continuing to get outside for outdoor learning as a class, as much as possible. Even though this is dependent on the weather, please make sure that your child comes to school in warm and weather appropriate clothing.

Lost Property

We are still finding that a number of children are losing items in school almost every day. Please ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing/snack boxes/water bottles and encourage children to take care of their things.

Homework and Seesaw

All homework will still be issued on Seesaw. After a long wait, we now have homework jotters for those who would rather do theirs on paper. I understand that sometimes it can be difficult to motivate younger ones to take part in homework, so if you would like to have a chat with me about it, please feel free to drop me a message on Seesaw.

I am really looking forward to growing with your child this year! If you have anything that you would like to discuss, please speak to me after school at the gate. If it requires a longer chat, then you can contact the school office to arrange this or message me on Seesaw.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing you all at parent's evening in November,

Miss Millward,
Class Teacher