

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely and relaxing summer break. The children are settling in well to Primary 4 and are becoming familiar with their new class and routines.

Literacy

In literacy, the class will be using Active Literacy approaches for spelling activities. Words will be posted on Seesaw at the beginning of each week for them to practise at home in preparation for their weekly test.

We will be using a variety of texts to further develop reading skills such as predicting, visualising, questioning, and summarising. We will revise Tools for Writing and the importance of ambitious vocabulary, punctuation, openers, and connectives in writing pieces. We will introduce new words using Word Aware to broaden their vocabulary.

This year, we will continue to focus on reading for enjoyment. Please encourage reading at home too. This will help your child's progress across all areas of the curriculum.

Maths and Numeracy

The class will take part in Number Talks to develop their mental maths ability. We will revise addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and the different strategies that can be used. In the classroom, children have access to concrete materials and a number of other resources to develop their understanding of different concepts. At home, children would benefit from daily use of number skills in real life such as adding up the prices of items and measuring ingredients when cooking or baking.

Health and Wellbeing

Our P.E days will be Tuesdays (indoors) and Thursdays (outdoors). We have a dance coach working with Primary 4 this term for 6 weeks. Children should attend school on P.E days wearing suitable shoes, dark coloured jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt or polo-shirt and their Blackfriars sweatshirt or cardigan. No brand logos should be worn on clothing. Please ensure that your child does not wear jewellery to school on P.E days and that long hair is tied back.

Outdoor Learning

Our class will have regular Outdoor Learning sessions in a number of curricular areas. They will be learning outside, whatever the weather! If possible, please send your child to school in appropriate clothing for being outdoors on that day, for example, sturdy shoes and a waterproof jacket. We have some spares in school if required. Thank you.

Homework

Your child should have brought home their new Seesaw codes but please get in touch if there are any issues. Homework tasks will be added every Monday starting from 31st August 2026. These will appear in the 'activities' section on Seesaw and will only show when you are logged in as a pupil rather than as a parent.

Thank you for your support,

Ms Ritchie and Mrs Veitch