

P3 Newsletter

Term 4

Welcome back and I hope that you all have had a lovely, relaxing Spring holiday. Our first week in class has been fantastic, the children shared what they had been doing during the holidays and it all sounded like so much fun. The following information will give you a breakdown of the learning children will be engaging with in Term 4.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will continue our work on adding and subtracting 2-digit (3 digit for some) numbers using various strategies. We will also continue to develop strategies to solve multiplication/division problems. We will be doing this through Number Talks where we discuss a variety of different strategies together as a class. We will be learning to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100, to use place value to support problem solving and we will also be learning more about fractions. Other areas within maths that we will be studying will be shape, money and probability. Please encourage your child to access Sumdog at home for extra numeracy practice.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be continuing with our Jolly Phonics reading programme. Some pupils will be reading ORT Story Sparks or Dandelion reader books. The children will get a reading book home once a week. Please keep their reading book in their school bag as we will practice reading daily. Please try and visit the local library with your child to engage with a wider selection of books. We will continue to work on grammar through the Jolly Grammar scheme. This term

our writing focus will be on report writing, recount and narrative (short story writing). We will be continuing to develop our literacy circles and reading strategies. Any opportunities you can give for your child to write at home, such as writing a diary, creative stories and recipes would be a great experience for them.

Context of Learning

Our first context of learning this term is called 'The Animal Kingdom'. This is a science based topic where the children will learn about classifying animals. They will also research a chosen animal and prepare a report about it, including details of its habitat, diet, appearance, etc.

Our final topic of the year will be decided by the children. There are big sporting events happening this year so they will chose between The Commonwealth Games or the World Cup.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be focussing on food and healthy eating this term. The children will learn about the Eatwell plate and the different types of food we eat. They will also be involved in preparing a healthy snack to enjoy.

Gym Sessions

Our Gym sessions will continue to be on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. On a **Wednesday** this will be outdoors and therefore the children should have appropriate clothing. Please bring a separate pair of indoor gym shoes on a **Tuesday**. No jewellery should be worn on gym days, including small earrings. Long hair should be tied back.

Homework

Homework will continue to be uploaded weekly on Seesaw which is the learning app that we are using throughout the school. This will also be a means of communicating what we are doing in school with you at home and vice versa. Please encourage your child to use the app to post any work completed at home. We will have a weekly spelling quiz every **Friday**. Spelling words will be shared to Seesaw every Monday for children to practise at home. Please try some of the spelling strategies that will be shared to Seesaw. I will also provide reading books and numeracy homework will be uploaded.

Outdoor Learning

We will be making the most of the better weather to take some of our learning outside whenever we get the chance.

Family engagement

There are many opportunities for you to get involved with your children's learning. Why not pop along to Family Gardening Club on Wednesday afternoons with Mrs Murdoch.

I would like to thank you for your on-going support and am looking forward to meeting with you at your parents appointment in the coming weeks.

Julie Macmillan

