Dunard Primary School

Primary 4 Newsletter

Term One Session: 2018 - 2019

Welcome back!



We hope you all had a marvellous summer, and are ready for an exciting year ahead!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



Literacy and English

This term, P4 are reading *The Twits*. We will answer comprehension questions based on the class novel. We will use reading strategies to gain a deeper understanding of the text and pupils will discuss their ideas about Roald Dahl's style of writing.

We will learn stories according to Pie Corbett's Talk 4 Writing scheme and these will used to inspire and up-level our writing this term. P4 will also write an autobiography. P4 will have weekly spelling lessons and a spelling test on Fridays. The class will also learn about aspects of grammar such as using adjectives, verbs and nouns.

As part of our topic about the Romans in Scotland, the class will discuss ideas in groups, present their work to each other and provide peer feedback as part of talking and listening.

Numeracy and mathematics

We will be learning about place value and how to add in 1s, 10s and 100s. We will also think about ordering and rounding numbers, as well as building strategies for addition and subtraction. This term we will look at time and data handling.

Expressive arts

We will use the Romans as inspiration to create artwork using a range of media such as collage and clay. In music, we will follow the interactive *Charanga* programme. During drama, we will focus on presentation skills and providing peer feedback. We will also complete hot-seating activities linked to our class novel.

Social Subjects

This term, P4 will be learning about people in the past through their topic about the Romans in Scotland. P4 will also learn about Children's Rights as part of people in society, economy and business.

Dates for your diary:

w/b 10th September: Sumdog Maths Week w/b 10th September: Global Citizenship Week Fri 21st Sept / Mon 24th Sept: Holiday Weekend

Health and wellbeing

P4 will learn about the difference between wants and needs, and the importance of Children's Rights. Pupils will vote on those most important to our class and create a Charter. We will also focus on healthy eating and road safety later in the term.

Reminder: PE days are Monday and Thursday. Please remember to pack gym kits and water bottles.

Please note: As per Glasgow City Council policy, football strips, from **any** team, must not be worn at school. The wearing of jewellery should also be avoided, therefore please remove any ear piercings.

Religious and moral education

P4 will learn about Roman Gods and Goddesses as part of our topic about the Romans in Scotland. We will discuss how people's beliefs can influence their actions.

Science

P4 will learn about germs and diseases as well as how to prevent the spread of infection. We will also focus on the movement of the Sun, Earth and Moon.

Technologies

This term, P4 will be using their skills in ICT to research and find out facts about the Romans in Scotland. They will create a group PowerPoint presentation about the Romans. Also, children will be reminded about the importance of staying safe online.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Mondays and all tasks are due on Friday. This will consist of a spelling and maths task. Some weeks there may also be grammar or a task linked to our topic.

w/b 1st October: Health Week

Fri 12th Oct: Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 15th – Fri 19th Oct: Holiday Mon 22nd Oct: Start of Term 2