



# Primary 4/3 Newsletter

Term One

Session: 2018 - 2019

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

As part of the *Jolly Grammar* programme, the class will be developing their spelling skills each week. They will be issued with spelling words every Monday which are worked on throughout the week and tested on Friday.

Children will be issued with an *Oxford Reading Tree* or *Dandelion Readers* book to be read at home every night. This will be changed regularly. We also have a novel study this term: *Owl Babies*.

Writing will be influenced by our Knights and Castles topic, producing functional pieces such as instructions on how to make a shield and a recount of a day in the life of a famous knight. We will also be using what we learn about Knights and Castles to develop character description in our imaginative writing.

The children will make model castles and these will be showcased in class on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils will be having the opportunity to talk to the class and explain how they constructed their castle. This will provide opportunities to develop their talking and listening skills.

## Numeracy and mathematics

In term 1, P4/3 will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, describing, naming and creating them, as well as studying symmetry and pattern. We will explore information handling by using and making different types of graphs.

We will be learning about place value, consolidating addition and subtraction up to three digits. Pupils will compare numbers and put them in order.

## Expressive arts

Art and design will be focused on "Famous Artists Works", using our Knights and Castles topic as a stimulus. In Drama, we will focus on character and learn how to take on the role of a famous knight.

## Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus will be to develop the children's skills through movement and games. We will also be focusing on children's emotional wellbeing through our *Global Citizenship* week and weekly *Circle Time* lessons, focusing on friendship. We will learn about Children's Rights and make our own Classroom Charter.

*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. Ear piercings should be removed on gym days.

## Religious and moral education

Pupils will be learning about Christianity, with specific focus on the bible and stories of the Old Testament. Assemblies held by our HT and DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

## Technologies

As part of our Knights and Castles topic, pupils have been asked to complete a modeling task at home. Pupils are required to make a castle using junk modeling and bring their completed castles into school on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. On this date, we will have a showcase of all their hard work.

## Social Subjects

Our topic this term is Knights and Castle. We will be learning about the features of a castle, famous Scottish castles and famous knights.

## Homework

Homework will be issued on Monday and should be handed into class for Friday. Pupils will be given spelling words to practise, as well as a reading book and a maths task. Please ensure your child brings their homework pack and reading book to school every day.



### Dates for your diary:

w/b 10<sup>th</sup> September: Sumdog Maths Week

w/b 10<sup>th</sup> September: Global Citizenship Week

Fri 21st Sept / Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sept: Holiday Weekend

w/b 1<sup>st</sup> October: Health Week

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Holiday

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Start of Term 2