



Primary 4 Newsletter

Term One



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 *George's Marvellous Medicine*. They will answer comprehension questions based on the class novel and discuss their ideas about Roald Dahl's style of writing.

Later in the term, P4 will develop different reading strategies during *Literacy Circles*.

Writing lessons will focus on VCOP this term – vocabulary, connectives, opens and punctuation. We will identify good examples in texts, and use our extended knowledge within our own writing.

This term we will be listening to, and discussing ideas about, our class novel. Later in the term, pupils will prepare and deliver presentations to the class based on our topic, *The Celts*.

Numeracy and mathematics

Number

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.

Beyond number

This term we will look at time and data handling.

Science

We will be learning about different states of matter this term and how to identify the differences between solids, liquids and gases.

Social subjects

Later this term we will be learning about *The Celts*. The class will research information and present their findings using *PowerPoint*.

Health and wellbeing

We will be learning about safety around medicines, which is linked to *George's Marvellous Medicine*.

We will also learn about food, and the importance of hygiene.

In P.E. we will be focusing on gymnastics and a variety of games. Please remember to provide a PE kit which can be left in class. PE days will be Monday and Thursday.

Religious and moral education

We will be learning about Buddhism and Hinduism. We will also look at myths and legends related to the Celts.

Assemblies held by our DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

Expressive arts

In art, we will be learning about different artists and discussing their styles. We will use some of the techniques studied to create our own artwork.

In music we will follow the interactive *Charanga* programme.

During drama we will focus on characterisation and movement.

Technologies

This term the class will be working on their typing skills using online games.

Pupils will also research online information about the Celts and prepare *PowerPoint* presentations with their findings.



Dates for your diary:

w/b 5th September: Global Citizenship Week

Fri 22nd Sept / Mon 25th Sept: Holiday Weekend

w/b 2nd October: Health Week

Fri 13th Oct: Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)

Mon 16th – Fri 20th Oct: Holiday Week

Mon 24th Oct: Start of Term 2