# **Dunard Primary School**

# **Primary 4 Newsletter**

Term Three

January - March 2018





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, Primary 4 will focus on using the *Super Six* reading strategies to help understand and discuss their Literacy World reading books.

Later in the term, we will complete a class novel study, reading *Charlotte's Web* by EB White. Children will study different types of poetry, before writing their own poems. They will also complete writing tasks based around our *Glasgow* topic.

To encourage talking and listening skills, pupils will have the opportunity to learn a Scottish poem which they will recite in front of the class.

Later in the term, we will perform a class assembly to showcase what we have learned during our Glasgow topic.

Primary 4 will continue to have weekly spelling lists to learn for homework. Words will be practised in class through the week, and tested on Friday. The class will also have weekly grammar lessons.

### **Numeracy and mathematics**

We will focus on using number facts and mental strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems involving 2 and 3 digit numbers. We will also learn about division later in the term.

As part of Financial Education week, we will learn about money. We will also solve measurement problems.

# **Expressive arts**

We will look at the work of Scottish artists to inspire our artwork.

Drama will be delivered through preparing our class assembly.

We are delighted to be having input this term from a music tutor *and* a dance instructor.

# Dates for your diary:



w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Financial Education Week
25<sup>th</sup> Jan Scottish Poetry Competition
12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Feb Midterm break

14<sup>th</sup> Feb In-service Day

# Health and wellbeing

Primary 4 will be learning Scottish Country Dancing. They will also have input from a dance coach, and developing football skills. PE kits should be brought to school on Monday and Thursday.

We will be learning about aspects of healthy living, including: looking after our teeth; the importance of physical activity; and being mindful of germs when handling food. We will also cover Sexual Health and Relationship Education (SHRE).

*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 on PE days.

# **Religious and moral education**

We will be learning about Chinese New Year, Judaism and Easter this term.

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

#### Science

Later in the term we will cover germs and diseases (link to *Health and wellbeing*).

# Social subjects

As part of our topic, we will look at Glasgow's physical features, the importance of the River Clyde, and other local landmarks. We will also examine the shopping and recreational activities available in the city.

# **Technologies**

In ICT, we will focus on creating animations and using the *Beebots* to program directions.

1st Mar World Book Day
 15th/20th Mar Parents' Evening
 29th Mar Close at 14:30 (spring break)

16<sup>th</sup> Apr Start of Term 4