

**Term 2**

**Primary 4D Newsletter ☺**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It sounds like the children had a lovely October break and have come back ready to take on the new term. As you are aware Mrs McIntosh’s last day will be on the 4th of November and Mrs Armstrong will be starting as of Monday the 7th of November. Mrs McIntosh has thoroughly enjoyed working with each and every child within the class and is sad to be leaving the children but excited about her new venture. Mrs Armstrong is looking forward to getting to know all the children over the coming weeks and completing some exciting learning activities.

**Homework**Our homework routine will continue in Term 2. Homework will be distributed on a Thursday and is to be handed in on or before the following Tuesday. This will consist of literacy, numeracy and one topic task each week. Reading homework will be given out at least two times a week but as usual the children should have reading books in class every day.

**Timetable**
This term P4D are very fortunate in that they will continue to benefit from exciting learning experiences in class and with our visiting specialists. Please note that timings and specialists are likely to change each term. This is to ensure your child has a rounded experience of the curriculum. The current schedule is as follows:

Tuesday- PE with Mrs Armstrong, Science with Mrs Murray
**Thursday- PE with class teacher**
Friday- Assembly and Excellence Time

**Library**

Our library slot is a Monday at 10:10am during weeks 3, 5 and 7.

**Literacy and Maths**The children will continue to have daily Literacy and Maths lessons and will cover the following each week:

**Literacy**

* **Handwriting –** focus on neat and joined up handwriting
* **Spelling –** variety of spelling activities daily
* **Grammar –** question marks, exclamation marks, speech marks and paragraphs
* **Reading and Comprehension -** three times a week
* **Writing –** we will be focusing on narrative pieces with a focus of developing our character and setting descriptions through concise planning and writing different genres

**Maths**

* **Mental Maths –** daily to develop mental agility
* **Addition and Subtraction –**  learning and developing formal written methods
* **Multiplication and Division –** learning and revising the 1-10 times tables linking with division

**Topic**This term our topic is all about ‘Water’. We are planning to cover:

* The water cycle
* Water usage
* Mapping skills – identifying water sources in and around Scotland
* Global Awareness- comparing our water usage with a third world country
* Importance of clean water
* Consequences of using too much water
* Water changing form; melting, freezing and boiling

**Dates for your Diary**

**P4D Assembly -** Friday 4th November

**In-service Days** - Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th November. The children will not be in school on these days.

**Christmas Fair** – Saturday 19th November

**Classwork home –** Friday 2nd December to be returned on the Monday

**P4 and P5 Christmas Party** - Thursday 15th December

**Church Service/End of Term 2** - Wednesday 21st December

**Term 3 Begins** - Thursday 5th January

We thank you for your continued support and hope the children have an exciting and challenging term ahead.

Kind Regards

Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Armstrong