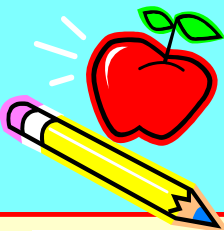




P4P



Kintore School
August 2018

A Warm Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to the parents and guardians of P4P. I am Miss Karen Harris and I will be your child's teacher this year. This is my 4th year at Kintore School and I am very excited to be working with Primary 4 this year. During the past two weeks, we have spent time getting to know each other and our lovely new classroom. We now feel ready to learn lots of new things and build upon our existing skills and knowledge.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and developing a positive working partnership with you to ensure that we are all working towards common goals for your child and that they leave P4 feeling confident and prepared for their next year.

Kind Regards,
Karen Harris

Equipment

Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times. These will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered with tape for safety purposes. Each child should also have their own water bottle which should be taken home and refilled each day. Our classroom does get quite warm on sunny days and so can I ask that all clothes be labelled to ensure that sweatshirts which have been removed go home with the right person!

Homework

Homework will be given out on a **Wednesday** and is to be handed back on a **Monday** unless otherwise stated. If for any reason your child has been unable to complete their homework, just pop a note in their Home/School book and we can discuss extra time etc. Homework will consist of a Literacy, Maths and one other task linked to the current learning in class. This will either be to consolidate learning or to give the children a preview of new learning coming up. The children are also expected to read at home each week and will record their group's set pages or chapters in their Home/School book.

Our Weekly Timetable

Monday

P.E. and Library (3/9, 17/9, 1/10)

Tuesday

Art with Mrs Donnelly

Wednesday

Music and ICT

Thursday

Drama with Mrs MacGullivray

Friday

Assembly and P.E.

Learning and Teaching in Term 1

Reading in Term 1 will introduce the children to new comprehension strategies such as finding the meanings of unknown words, summarising, inferring from the text and developing a picture of characters and settings in our heads. In Writing, we will develop our skills in creating and describing interesting characters and structuring our stories using paragraphs. We will also learn how to write recounts of events and we will be taking advantage of National Poetry Day to write and share our own poems.

In Maths, we will be developing our knowledge of place value and learning new strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems, both mentally and as formal sums. We will also be learning how to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks, use calendars and timetables to organise ourselves and convert between seconds, minutes and hours. Scotland's Maths week is also this term and so we will be celebrating that with lots of engaging Maths activities and challenges.

This term, we will be using the context of Walt Disney to explore issues of friendship, growth mindset, worries and acceptance of others through engagement with some of his stories. We will also use this context to develop our drawing skills in Art, understanding of pitch and tone in Music and we will develop our skills in creating a timeline using his main films and life events. I apologise in advance for any songs which make their way home and end up stuck in your head!

Dates for your diary

Open Afternoon – Friday 31st August - 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Maths Week Scotland – week beginning Monday 10th September

Tempest Photographs – Thursday 20th September and Friday 21st September

PTA Quiz Night – Friday 28th September

Parent Twilight – Tuesday 2nd October

Parent Evening - Thursday 4th October

End of term 1 – Friday 12th October