



# P4K Newsletter Term 1



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to P4K. My name is Mrs Katy Henderson and I will be your child's teacher this session. Mrs Stephanie Bain, acting deputy head teacher, will take the class on Tuesdays this term. We have enjoyed getting to know the children and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

## Our Timetable

**P.E.** with Mrs Bain on Tuesdays, **Drama** with Mrs MacGillivray on Thursdays and **Music** with Mrs Young. We will also have Mrs Taylor, Mrs Lamb, Mrs Brown and Mrs Stewart supporting the work we do in class.

## Library

The class will visit the library every second Monday. The next three dates are as follows: **3<sup>rd</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October.** Please ensure your child takes their library books back prior to their next visit.



## Homework & Reading

Homework will be handed out on **Wednesday** to be completed and handed in on **Monday**. Activities will cover a variety of curricular areas and reinforce learning that is taking place in class. Reading times will be shown in your child's reading record, please remind your child to bring this every day.

## Our learning this term:

### Maths

This term in Maths we will focus on:

- developing and sharing mental and written strategies for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing; and
- improve our skills in telling the time and measuring it as well improving our knowledge of dates and calendars.



### Topic

Our topic this term is growth mindset and we have a class novel, "The World's Worst Children" by David Walliams, to help us improve our understanding of having a growth mindset by learning from the characters mistakes. We will be improving our thinking, listening and discussion skills and using our topic in literacy and art lessons.

## Literacy

This term in Literacy we will:

- developing our writing skills by covering a variety of genres including narrative, recount and poetry;
- we will be developing some new comprehension strategies in reading; and
- we will be improving our listening skills on our work on our class novel as well as improving our talking skills with our discussion on our topic.



## Equipment

It was great to see so many children bringing their gym kits. I plan to keep these in class and send them home at the end of each term to be washed because we will require to have our kits throughout the week. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed or covered with tape for safety during P.E..

As the school building becomes very hot on sunny days it is important that each child has a water bottle with them. These can be refilled during the day as required.

A well-equipped pencil case is useful in class. This would include sharp pencils for writing and colouring, a rubber, a ruler and a sharpener.

It is also a good idea to provide an apron or adult-sized t-shirt to protect uniforms during Art lessons.

## Dates for your diary:

- (1) **Open Afternoon:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 1.45pm – 2.45pm;
- (2) **Maths Week Scotland:** week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September;
- (3) **Tempest Photographs:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September;
- (4) **PTA Quiz Night:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September;
- (5) **Parent Twilight:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October;
- (6) **Parents evening:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October; and
- (7) **End of term 1:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, or information to share about your child, please feel free to contact me either by writing a note or in your child's home/school notebook, catching me in the playground at the end of the day or by contacting the school office.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

**Mrs Henderson**