



P4K Newsletter Term 2



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I have enjoyed getting to know the children over the course of last term and meeting with most of you at parents' night.

Our Timetable

P.E. on Monday and Wednesday. We will also have Mrs East, Mrs Johnstone, 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 Thursday this term. The next three dates are as follows: **8th November, 22nd November and 6th December.** Please ensure your child takes their library books back prior to their next visit.

Homework & Reading

As it was last term, 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 to support further tasks in class. Children will get reading homework every week which relates to tasks we do in class.

Our learning this term:

Maths

This term in Maths we will continue to focus on developing and sharing mental and written strategies for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will also improve our skills in data handling and money which will relate to our topic.

Topic

Our topic this term is a comparison study between Scotland and some central eastern countries in Africa supported by <https://www.sendacow.org/>. We will be improving our thinking, listening and discussion skills and using our topic in literacy, maths, drama, music and art lessons. We will also be aiming to raise money to support the charity. To do this we are planning a Bring and Buy sale. If you are planning on doing a clear out of any old toys ahead of Christmas, then please keep hold of these and they can be brought in to help raise some funds at the sale.

Literacy

This term in Literacy we will be developing our writing skills by covering a variety of genres including recount, reports and persuasive writing.

We will also be developing some new comprehension strategies in reading. Additionally, 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

As I did last term I plan to keep PE kits 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 or other jewellery (including any watches or Fitbits) are removed or covered with tape for safety during P.E..

It is important that each child has a water bottle with them. These can be refilled during the day as required.

As the weather is getting colder, children should bring appropriate clothing with them and any wellies on wet or snowy days can be removed while in class and PE shoes can be worn.

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. Please note "Sharpies" or other permanent markers are not allowed to be used in class.

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) **PTA Disco:** Friday 9th November;
- (2) **In-service days:** Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November;
- (3) **Flu immunisations:** beginning Monday 19th November;
- (4) **P4K Class Assembly:** Friday 30th November at 9 00;
- (5) **Bring and Buy Sale P4 Fundraiser:** week beginning 3rd December.
- (6) **P3 and P4 Christmas Party:** Wednesday 19th December.
- (7) **Church Service:** Friday 21st December
- (8) **End of term:** Friday 12th 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 seeing you again soon,

Mrs Henderson