



## P4HM, P4FS & P4KF Newsletter

Welcome back to Kingswells. We have had a great couple of weeks settling into Primary 4 and we are excited to see what this year will bring!

This term our topic is the Sun, Moon and Earth. We will be learning about the relationship between the Sun, Moon and the Earth relating this to, amongst other things, the length of day/night and seasons.

### Reading

Some children will continue to follow the ORT reading scheme and other children will be moving onto a Guided Reading approach. During Guided Reading sessions, each group will be heard once a week with other groups completing grammar, dictionary and comprehension tasks.

All children will be issued with a home reader to encourage reading at home.

We have also started ERIC reading and all children should now have brought in a silent reader from home. We will be having timetabled sessions where everybody will be reading silently together with sustained concentration. This is a skill that the children need to develop for transition through the school stages.

### Maths

Our main focus this term is place value. We will also be learning to partition 3 and 4 digit numbers and developing mental strategies to support addition and subtraction calculations e.g.  $34 + 25$   $214 + 152$

$$34 + (20+5)$$

$$214 + (100 + 50 + 2)$$

## **Homework**

Homework will be handed out on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Please refer to the note glued in homework jotters which explains the spelling homework. We would be grateful if you could sign your child's jotter once they have completed their homework to indicate that you have checked their work and are happy that it is of an acceptable standard to be handed in.

The children will also receive maths homework which will often be delivered through Manga High. These activities are to develop speed and accuracy with mental calculations and are timed but we are able to disable the timer if this is causing distress to your child. These Manga High activities are designed to help encourage and develop perseverance. If at first your child is unsuccessful, they should be encouraged to keep trying. However, please contact us via Class Dojo if you have any concerns.

## **P.E.**

Our P.E. times this term are Tuesday and Friday. P.E. with Mr MacIndoe takes place on a Tuesday. We will be going swimming on Fridays for all of Term 1 and part of Term 2. Please ensure your child's belongings are named and that they bring a swimming cap if possible. Those with long hair are encouraged to tie it up on swimming days to help with this.

## **Digital Skills**

In primary 4 there is a strong emphasis on developing digital skills through various mediums. In class we will regularly use iPads, Chrome books and the ICT suite. Children will be issued with passwords which they need to keep safe and remember. During Term 1, we will be learning about internet safety, keeping passwords safe and how to stay safe online.

If you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Miss Forbes, Miss Storer & Mrs Menzies