



P4KF, P4HM & P4FS Newsletter

Welcome to Term 2. This term we are going to be learning about a Victorian Christmas focussing on Christmas traditions and key figures from the Victorian era.

Reading

Some children will continue to follow the ORT reading scheme and other children will be moving onto chapter books. When reading we focus on fluency but also on deeper understanding using strategies such as 'making connections', 'predicting', 'questioning', 'clarifying', 'visualising' and 'summarising'. During our sessions, each group will be heard once a week with other groups completing grammar, dictionary and comprehension tasks.

Maths

Our focus this term is addition and subtraction strategies, focussing on partitioning, using an empty number line and compensation.

In addition we will be learning about symmetry in art, tiling and patterns. We will also be covering probability and the likelihood of events happening. Every Friday we will be covering multiplication facts for $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 5$ and $\times 10$, linking this with division. We want the children to be very confident with these timetables so that we can cover all the other tables in term 3. The children have been advised to use Daily 10 or Hit the Button at home as a tool for reinforcement.

Homework

Homework will continue to 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 ask that parents continue to sign beneath the homework that the children produce to show that they have seen their homework and feel it is of a satisfactory standard.

P.E.

Our P.E. times this term are Tuesday and Friday. Our last swimming session will be on Friday 30th November. The children have all progressed and gained confidence in the water in this swimming block and we would like to say thank you to all the parent helpers who have given their time to allow this to happen.

Christmas

This year, primary 4 will be performing 'Gimmie, Gimmie, Gimmie' as our Christmas show. The show aims to make children aware that there is more to Christmas than gifts and Santa is on a mission to convince the world that the best presents that we could wish for don't cost a penny. Song sheets have been sent home and we would be grateful if you could ensure that your child learns all of the songs and any speaking parts. The show is scheduled to take place in the gym hall on Wednesday 12th December.

In addition to this, our Christmas party will be held on Tuesday 18th December from 10:45-12:15pm. The school Christmas lunch will also take place on Thursday 13th December.

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

Miss Forbes, Mrs Menzies and Miss Storer