



P4HM & P4KF Newsletter

Welcome to Term 4, it's lovely to see more hours of day light!

This is the final term of Primary 4 with the children getting ready to make the move up to Primary 5. There is a noticeable jump between Primary 4 and Primary 5 where expectations are greater, the children are expected to take more responsibility for their learning and use their initiative more readily. Much of the work that we will be doing this term is in preparation for this move.

Reading

Some children will continue to follow the ORT reading scheme and other children will follow a Guided Reading approach. During Guided Reading sessions, each group will continue to be heard once a week with other groups completing grammar, dictionary and comprehension tasks. As part of this, we have sent home a new Reflective Reading grid (glued into the back of your child's homework jotter) for Term 4. As part of their reading homework, the children are to select and complete a task from the grid relating to their Home Reader. It is important that the children do this on a weekly basis and return the completed activity to school on their reading day.

Maths

Our focus this term is using our knowledge of the times tables to multiply and divide two digit numbers. We will be using the grid method to do this (see example below) as opposed to other written methods such as chimney sums. We will continue to have a mental maths test every Friday and as part of homework the children will be expected to practise their tables.

x	30	5
7	210	35

$$210 + 35 = 245$$

We would encourage the children to regularly access 'Daily 10' on the Top Marks website. We now believe that this is tablet friendly and is an excellent tool to aid learning tables.

The children will also be learning about money and time this term.

Homework

Homework will continue to be handed out on a Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. In Primary 5, homework diaries might not be used, therefore it is important that the children take responsibility for completing all homework tasks and return it to school on time.

P.E.

Our P.E. times this term are Thursday and Friday. P.E. with Mrs Ramage takes place on a Thursday. As the weather improves this term, it is likely that Mrs Ramage will take them outside for P.E., therefore it is important that the children bring an outdoor gym kit with trainers as opposed to gym shoes. We are going to continue with our 'Fit Friday' this term and intend to do outdoor running, weather permitting. Starting on Friday 27th April, for 4 weeks, sports science students from RGU will be working with the Primary 4's, giving them taster sessions of different sports.

IDL Context

This term, we will be starting with a country study on India. In this context we will carry out a comparative study between India and Scotland, learn about religious festivals and traditions, sample food and learn some Indian dances. This will lead on to a mini focus where we will learn about rights and responsibilities, needs and wants and how charities help communities. Towards the end of the term the children will be involved in enterprising activities through the context of parties and celebrations. The plan is to incorporate financial capabilities (money), time and developing an understanding of business roles through event planning.

We look forward to lots of fun learning during the final term of Primary 4.

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

Miss Forbes & Mrs Menzies

