

# Mauricewood Primary School



## Welcome to P3/4

The children are settling into P3/4 and are enjoying getting back into routines. We are looking forward to lots of fun and learning this term

### Literacy

The children are working to improve their skills when reading aloud, including using word attack skills to read with fluency in their groups. We are also developing our knowledge of different types of questions. In Writing we will be covering report writing, and instructions linked to our class novel, How to Train Your Dragon. Our focus for Listening and Talking will be using verbal and non-verbal communication appropriately in groups.

### Numeracy/Maths

We will continue with place value, sequencing numbers, addition and subtraction and multiplication. This will involve written work, practical activities, games and ICT. In Maths children will be working on telling the time using digital and analogue clocks. We will also be practising mental strategies for a variety of calculations and tackling problem solving questions where the children will use reasoning skills.

### Learning in other areas of the curriculum.

Our topic is Climate Zones and Natural Habitats. This will involve the children investigating the different climate zones on our planet and finding out how the climate and physical features influence the variety of living things in a particular place. We are looking forward to a Virtual Science session this term as part of The Midlothian Science Festival which is all about The Senses. In Art we are using our Dragon theme as a stimulus to create a variety of images using different media with a focus on shape, form and texture.

### Health & Wellbeing

This term we have started by looking at the brain and Growth and Fixed Mindsets. The children will explore how a Growth Mindset is beneficial to their learning. We will also do weekly circle times to discuss different social situations. Mrs. Jones is taking P3/4 every Wednesday for PE sessions with a focus on developing fitness and stamina. Please ensure that your child is wearing clothes suitable for indoor/outdoor P.E on a Wednesday.

### Other Information

The children will have reading homework every week. Please ensure the reading diary is signed, thank you.

Each week the class will focus on a particular aspect of our school rules. Names will be added to the Recognition Board if children have demonstrated making an effort with our focus.

Please encourage your child to bring a bottle of water to school each day.

I look forward to working together with you to support your child's learning throughout the year.  
Cheryl Nemec

# Primary 4 Term 1 Newsletter