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P4 Newsletter  
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**Be the best we can be!**

After a challenging time away from school, Primary 4 have settled back into the swing of things very well and this is enabling them to make good progress with their learning. Well done P4! I am looking forward to what the final term holds, and hope it will be packed with fun memories.

### **What Learning Looks Like in P4**

#### **Literacy**

Pupils will be continuing to work on their reading during 4 sessions each week. During this time we will either be working towards our targets through Read, Write, Inc. work or through Comprehension Strategy tasks.

In addition, the class will undertake a novel study towards the end of term on Cressida Cowell's "How to Train Your Dragon", which will offer opportunities to develop our literacy skills across the curriculum.

Writing lessons will take place throughout the week, as we aim to improve our writing working through the BIG Writing program. P4 enjoyed writing letters of complaint about a particularly naughty teacher (Mr McDaft) who kept appearing unannounced! Thankfully, the letters were convincing enough to make sure he won't be seen again.

#### **Numeracy**

This term we will be working across the five numeracy domains (number processes, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division, fractions, and algebra) as we round up our learning in Primary 4. Our aim is to have a secure understanding of the essentials in number work to ensure that the transition to Primary 5 is as smooth as possible!

In maths, we have been learning about time, including clocks, the calendar and units of time. Why not ask your child to tell you the time on a clock at home? Following time, P4 will start working on data analysis. This will include creating and reading different types of graphs, and collecting data in different ways.

#### **Health and Wellbeing**

PE lessons will continue to take place outside due to current restrictions. Primary 4 will practise skills in athletics and racquet sports every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear and clothing for whatever the weather brings!

Throughout the week we will also be learning about eating as a collective, and valuing ourselves and others.

#### **IDL**

This term we will be completing a knights & castles topic. If time permits, the class will also learn about one more topic, Australia.

In the knights & castles topic, Primary 4 will explore a range of British castles, their features and try their own hand at designing a castle. We will learn about the jobs that knights had and historical battles they took part in.

#### **Other**

Homework is now being assigned via Seesaw on Mondays with it due to be returned on a Friday. This homework will give the class a chance to practise their spelling words and some important concepts in numeracy/maths as we look towards P5. I will make homework jotters available so that if digital technology is not available, it can be completed physically.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me through the school office.

Thanks again for all your co-operation this year,

Mr McGaff