

Primary 4

Welcome to Primary 4 with Mrs Cosgrove, Miss Gordon and Mrs Pratt
Happy New Year to all of our children, parents and carers. Our children have all come back motivated and ready to learn and we are all excited about the term ahead!

Specialist Teachers

This term the class will have the following specialist teachers:

- Spanish: Mrs Poves de la Rosa
- PE: Miss Bertram
- Music: Mrs McInroy

PE

Children will have PE on:

Thursday

For PE please ensure your child has...

- a t-shirt
- shorts
- suitable shoes

All clothes should be labelled and in a labelled bag if possible.

Literacy and English

P4 will continue to learn sounds and reading skills through the 'Read Write Inc.' Programme or within literacy teams. Spelling homework will be given by class teacher and will be based on common words given on an individual basis.

The talk for writing approach continues to have a positive impact and we have already begun work on our warning stories. Through our technologies topic the children will be working in co-operative groups to give a presentation which will demonstrate their speaking and listening skills.

Numeracy and Maths

We are working on measurement, angle, grid references and symmetry within this block of maths. In numeracy we are continuing to cover all of the number operations on a rotational basis across the week. We would ask that you encourage the children to practise their times tables to support their learning in class. A times table booklet will be coming home shortly.

Our first Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) Topic

This term we are focusing on technologies which will include research on inventors and inventions. This topic will culminate with a 'dragon's den' presentation where the children will design and create a new invention within their co-operative groups. We will be working on co-operative learning skills, with children in groups given different roles to practise. After the February break we will be focusing on plants, animals, food chains, life cycles and looking after the environment.

Rights Respecting School Journey to Gold/
Eco – Committee

We launched our 'Wastebusters' campaign before the Christmas break. We are encouraging children to think about reducing plastic use. We are focusing on this as a local and global issue.

Dates for your diary

Parental Consultations – Tuesday 28th January and Wednesday 29th January. Appointment slips have been handed out.

Primary 4 start swimming lessons on the 4th March. Further information will be sent home soon.

February break – Monday 10 February –Friday 14 February. All resume on Monday 17 February.