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P 4

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome your children into Primary 4. They have settled very quickly and we are looking forward to a busy term of learning! Please see below for more information on the term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Carrie Scobbie  
Primary 4

Overview of Learning

Term: 1

Numeracy & Maths	
Numeracy:	In numeracy this term we will look at a range of addition, subtraction and multiplication strategies and how to confidently apply these across our 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables. We will also develop our knowledge of place value looking at a digit and its value, and how to partition numbers (eg into 100s, 10s and ones) when solving addition and subtraction problems.
Maths:	In maths we will explore 2D and 3D shapes by identifying their features. We will also explore patterns and how shapes fit together. We will learn about angles and what an angle is.
Literacy	
Reading	This term when reading we will continue to develop our decoding, fluency, phrasing and comprehension skills. We will ask and answer literal, inferential and response comprehension questions exploring fiction and non-fiction texts looking closely at the features of both text types.

	The children will have the opportunity to further develop their interests in reading by choosing fiction and non-fiction books with our weekly visits to the school library on a Wednesday afternoon.
Writing	Our focus in writing this term will explore recounts, learning how to structure them using time connectives and past tense vocabulary. In handwriting we will focus on letter formation and the importance of correct formation in order to move onto joined up handwriting.
Spelling/Phonics	We will look at spelling the most high frequency words and common words. The children will also revisit phonic sounds working within their spelling groups.
L&T	When working in groups and as part of a whole class we will develop our listening and talking skills looking at how to engage with each other. We will focus on turn taking, sharing our thoughts and ideas and respecting others' contributions.
Health and Wellbeing	
Mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing	This term we have been developing our class ethos and identifying the things that are important to our class. We will explore children's rights and make our class charter linked to these. We will also explore emotional literacy through the Zones of Regulation which help the children to develop skills and strategies to help manage emotions. The focus this term will be on feelings and friendships.
Physical Education	This term the children will take part in a weekly swimming lesson at the Aquadome on a Monday. The children will also have a PE lesson with Miss Strath on a Tuesday afternoon.
Science	We will investigate states of matter: solids, liquid and gases and explore the water cycle. During our learning in science we will carry out a number of fun experiments.
Social studies	Over the next two terms we will explore people from the past, examples include the Vikings, Romans and Egyptians investigating their timeline in history, people, places, some artefacts and their contributions throughout history.
Languages	The children will continue to develop their learning in French through daily routines and instructions to build their vocabulary.
Expressive Arts	The children will continue to work with Miss Strath this year. This term the children will focus on their art and drama skills.
Other useful Classroom Information:	The class blog will be updated weekly documenting our learning across the week.



## Learning at home

- Our online platform you can access on this link gives you a wide range of suggestions for supporting your child with learning at home:

[Inshes Home Learning Platform](#)

## Spelling games:

- Your child might like to practise spelling at home some of these activities:

ABC Order	Word Parts	Vowel Spotlight	Word Sort
Write words in alphabetical order	Write words then using different coloured pencils divide the words into syllables:    	Write words using one colour for the vowels and another colour for the consonants  (Vowels: a, e ,i ,o ,u)	Sort words into:  Nouns - Common and Proper  Adjectives - describing words  Verbs - action doing words

- You could also play these games to help spelling:  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
- These are also useful links for practising spelling:  
[Highland Literacy Supporting Spelling](#)  
[Spelling Grid](#)

## Other ways to help your child with their learning at home:

- Read stories together
- If your child is already reading books independently - can they read to you (even a favourite page) with expression? Ask your child about their reading - their favourite character, part of the story; how do they think it will end?
- Ask your child about their writing in school. Do they know what they are writing about/what kind of writing they are doing in school, eg procedure, recount? Chatting about it at home can help with ideas when writing in school.
- There are many ways you can help your child with their practical learning in maths - eg shape - can they spot shapes they are learning about in school in their home/local environment; measure - can they measure some objects at home? Can they help with measuring out at meal time (recipes, numbers of plates etc)?
- Number work - building any kind of number practice into home routines helps-counting out setting the table, in the shop, practising times tables in the car. It all helps and makes learning more purposeful and fun 😊