

What will we cover in Primary 4?

We aim to take strides forward with the class' literacy and numeracy development over the next year. The class will receive 6 and a half hours of literacy, 5 hours of numeracy and 1 hour of maths each week.

In literacy, Primary 4 will learn through either a Read, Write Inc. or a comprehension skills based method. These approaches do not necessarily involve reading books being sent home.

Numeracy will be taught in domains, with the class learning about Number Processes on Mondays, Addition and Subtraction on Tuesdays, Multiplication and Division on Wednesdays, Fractions, Decimal and Percentages on Thursdays, and Algebra on Fridays.

Health & Wellbeing is understandably a priority in schools during current times, and we plan to cover this throughout the school week. Our first IDL topic of the year will be "Egyptians", and we will also be learning about "The Human Body", "Biodiversity" and "Australia" later in Primary 4.

Homework

The 'Seesaw' online learning platform will be utilised for homework this year in Primary 4 in order to provide the class with more interactive home learning tasks, and to prepare everyone for any eventualities which might result in online teaching being necessary.

If you do not have access to Seesaw currently, please contact the school and our acting depute Mr Wilson will provide you with your login details.

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Welcome Back to Primary 4 — with Ms Macleod and Mr McGaff

We hope everyone managed to enjoy the Summer holidays. We know this has been the strangest year, having had 5 months away from school but we hope you are all well rested and ready for the term ahead. While current circumstances are certainly far from ideal, we have enjoyed our first couple of weeks back with the class and are optimistic for what we can achieve together in the year ahead. Our aim is to provide opportunities to learn in a variety of engaging and exciting ways, while creating a classroom of unity and enthusiasm. And, as per usual, we will always strive to be the best we can be!

Ms Macleod will be teaching the class from Monday to Wednesday, while Mr McGaff will be teaching from Thursday to Friday. Primary 4 will start the school day at 9:00am and go for break at 10:45am. Lunch break will begin at 12:30pm and the class will depart for home time at 3:30pm.

Our Primary 4 Expectations

As a class, we discussed what was required from us as individuals in order to be the best we could be. Through a conversation where everyone was given the chance to have their voice heard, we brainstormed the following important P4 class rules:

1. Clean our hands thoroughly throughout the school day.
2. Always try to take part in activities and exercise.
3. Drink water and eat the food we are given.
4. Listen to and follow instructions given by members of staff.
5. Respect the resources and equipment around the school.
6. Make our own appropriate choices every day.
7. Clearly raise our hands when we want to speak.
8. Always listen carefully when others are speaking.

Every member of Primary 4 has their own class charter superhero signature, which represents their commitment to the P4 expectations and the rights of every individual at Mayfield!

Opportunities to celebrate positive behaviour

In our classroom, we have several systems in place to reward positive choices:

- Our behaviour chart is a visual indicator of how well a pupil is complying with the school's values and the class expectations. Children who reach the "outstanding" level on the chart will receive a certificate to commemorate them going over and above that day!
- We have a table points system in place to give table groups the chance to celebrate teamwork and initiative. If a table has the most points for 3 weeks, they will receive a prize!
- Ms Macleod and Mr McGaff have a supply of positive praise cards, certificates and stickers to be handed out when we observe pupils using their Fieldies skills at any possible opportunity.

Getting in touch

For the time being, it is not possible to speak to either of us face-to-face or within the school building to discuss your child's progress or any concerns. However, if we need to get in touch over anything, we will try and communicate by phone call. Alternatively, if you need to get in contact for an urgent matter, phone the school office and it will be returned at the end of the school day. We can be contacted through the Seesaw app using the private message function.

P.E. and necessary equipment

We will be taking Primary 4 for Physical Education on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure your child has their PE kit with them on these days. PE lessons will take place outdoors whenever possible, so please be prepared for all eventualities!

The class will be outside for breaks as much as possible this year, so please make sure that your child has a waterproof jacket and appropriate footwear for this. Can we also ask that all clothing is clearly labelled to ensure that it does not go missing in school.