

Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High

Literacy

Reading

We will turn our attention to reading non-fiction relating to our topic Mary Queen of Scots. In addition we will look at unseen texts in First News articles and work on strategies to use in reading comprehension tasks.

Writing

We hope to produce a variety of different writing genres including newspaper articles, instructions and leaflets.

Listening and Talking

Circle times will continue along with presentations on our current topic.

Numeracy and Maths

We will continue to look at addition and subtraction of larger numbers as well as the relationship between repeated addition, grouping and arrays in multiplication. Our weekly maths challenges will continue, to improve our speed and accuracy in our mental maths and tables.

Health and Wellbeing

We will continue to look at the components of the Health and Wellbeing wheel and use circle time to discuss what these mean and how they are addressed in school and at home. These do raise some sensitive issues at times. Children will be directed to ask any questions or raise any issues within a private 'bubble time'.

In PE, we will practise our basketball skills: dribbling, passing and shooting. This will be supplemented with our weekly swimming.



Primary 4 Term - January 2019

Dates to look out for:

Monday 4th of February - We have visitors coming from Generation Science to run a workshop called 'Power from the People'. This will supplement our recent learning on Forces. You will shortly receive a letter about the upcoming book fair which will be held in early March.

The school breaks on 8th of February for our Spring Half Term holiday at 12.25pm. We return on Monday 18th of February 2019.

Our weekly swimming sessions continue on Wednesdays - We will **leave** school 8.40am to maximise our time in the pool.

Other curricular areas

We have enjoyed exploring the stories of David and Goliath and Joseph and his Dreamcoat and the importance of these stories in Christianity as well as looking at Islam and the 5 Pillars associated.

The class have been receiving strange letters and parcels from an unknown sender. They have been keen to take on the challenges that have been inside and to learn about the life of Mary Queen of Scots. We hope that this continues so that we can reach understanding of the importance of her life and the effect it has had on our life today.

This term Mrs Stirling is looking forward to doing French with the children. We continue to receive art lessons from the specialist Miss Goodwin.

Other information:

Please continue to sign children's reading records after they have completed homework.

Homework consists of reading, spelling and times table work. All children are aware of their Sumdog logins and these are noted at the front of their homework diaries. Sumdog can be accessed via tablet or PC at home and it provides excellent opportunities to practise their maths skills. I appreciate that not all children may have access and I will endeavour to provide opportunities within class time.

I have a supply of achievement slips to share children's achievements outwith school. Please get in touch with me should you require any.