

Class Activities This Term

Visiting Specialists

Mrs Watson - Art- Tuesday

Mr Kostadinov - PE - Thursday

Mr Reid - Technology - Friday

Pupils will also have PE with Mrs Steel every Monday.

Mrs Watson will work with P4 on Monday afternoons.

Homework

Reading - Group reading will be set once a week and should be completed for the following week. Please see your child's reading diary. Daily reading is encouraged and beneficial to your child's progress. Please ensure reading books are in school bags each day as we will use these in class for comprehension work.

Maths- Children can access to Sumdog online to develop Maths skills.

Spelling - To minimise the amount of paper going from home to school each pupil will be issued with the spelling lists for the whole term along with suggested activities to complete at home to support their progress. Where possible, pupils should practise spelling words at least twice per week.

Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit on Mondays and Thursdays. Please also bring a filled water bottle each day.



Our Learning

Primary 4 - Term 1

Mrs Steel

Welcome back to a new school year!

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our context for learning for the first few weeks of term is emotions and feelings which we will explore through the well-known Disney film, 'Inside Out'. We will work to recognise and name emotions and look at emotional triggers and how emotions present in different ways. We will learn that everyone is unique while having many similarities and differences. Each pupil will create a coping toolkit with strategies to use when coping with changes in emotions. This will help children connect with feelings and their experiences throughout the coronavirus pandemic and will allow pupils to explore worries and adapt to being back in school.

Numeracy

This year in maths we will continue to develop our core numeracy and fluency through the Big Maths programme. This term we will consolidate and extend the range of whole numbers that we can work with, exploring the value of each digit within a number. We will also work on number operations focusing primarily on addition and subtraction strategies. We will continue to develop fluency and accuracy in our knowledge of the times tables. In addition to this we will be developing our knowledge of measure with Mrs Watson.

Expressive Arts

Through the theme of Autumn, we are studying how to use pencil, colour, paint, print, collage and paper to create quality art work that shows progression in skills of observation, pencil control, tone, shape, and form. The children will explore paintings of Autumn scenes and works by Matisse and Cezanne. We will participate in drama activities to develop confidence in using our bodies, facial expressions and voices to convey emotion.

Health and Wellbeing

As well as our Inside Out theme we will focus on Growth Mindset, looking at what makes a good learner and developing a positive learning environment and attitudes together. We will focus on relationships and in particular kindness and being good friends. In PE we will focus on fitness and the impact of exercise on our mental and physical wellbeing. With Mr Kostadinov we are focusing on ball skills.

Literacy

With our focus on recovery and reconnecting we will spend time revising and consolidating 'tools' for writing, i.e. punctuation, structure and vocabulary. Pupils will reflect on personal experiences and write personal recounts and poetry. We will also build on story writing techniques. We will start to self-assess work and set learning targets. In reading we will focus on awareness of punctuation in texts which will support the development of expression and fluency. Following spelling assessment pupils will work through appropriate spelling lists, develop knowledge of rules and strategies and also enhance their range of vocabulary. Nearer the end of the term we will read 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and study this novel together focusing on developing skills in predicting, analysing and evaluating what we read. We will also learn about the author, Michael Morpurgo.

Technology

In Technologies this term we will be enhancing our creativity and collaboration skills by developing stories and animations using the 'Toca World' app. We will be exploring environments in the app, encouraging the use of the recording function to capture animation and sound, as well as using the iMovie app where appropriate to merge our animations together.