



NWCC P4 Newsletter Term 1 2020/2021

A warm welcome back to all children. You will receive a termly class newsletter with general information and details about what we will be learning this term. This start to the new term will be different to previous due to Covid-19 and schools undertaking a recovery phase. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or Miss Halliday (Acting Principal Teacher).

Health and Wellbeing

Our main focus within the recovery phase of the schools reopening is on the mental and emotional wellbeing of our pupils. Good health and wellbeing is fundamental to ensuring that children can engage effectively in their learning. We are currently undertaking a 10 week Emotion Works recovery programme which is based around a visually supportive framework for learning and talking about emotions. The goal is to build emotional language and understanding in our children to help develop emotional competence and resilience.

Inter-disciplinary Learning (IDL)

We have begun reading our class novel for this year, Charlottes Web, which links in well with delivery of the Emotion Works programme as we explore friendships and mental wellbeing. As we progress through our novel we will be taking part in a variety of literacy, art and technical based activities.

In the coming weeks we will also be looking to cover the safety of medicines and link this in with a topic on Natural Disasters and aid work.

Numeracy/Maths

This term we will be exploring Data Handling, exploring a variety of ways in which data is collected, sorted and presented.

In Numeracy, we will be focusing on extending our understanding of the four numeracy processes. This includes addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will be focussing on different strategies to help solve problems using the four processes and they will also be given opportunities to apply this to real-life contexts.

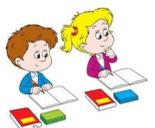
Literacy

Due to the current situation and to limit resources children are taking to and from school, we will not be supplying pupils with reading books at this time. Reading and reading comprehension will be taking place in the class room and we would like to encourage pupils to read books at home.

Children will continue to learn phonic/spelling rules. We would like children to transfer this knowledge to their writing. Another skill that we would also like them to transfer to their writing is that of using the correct grammar. Children will be learning more about different sentence structures and how to apply this to their writing.

Homework

Homework will commence from the week commencing Monday 14th September. Pupils will be supplied with resources to aid with timestables revision, writing prompts and reading comprehension questions. Details of which will be sent home each week.



School Dinners

Orders for school dinners are being taken on Fridays for the following week. As pupils are now in Primary 4 not all pupils are automatically entitled to free school meals. If your child needs to pay for school dinners, please ensure money is inserted into the school meal envelopes which can be collected from your class teacher. School meals cost £1.90 per day.

Snack

The children have snack in class after their morning playtime. Please send your child with only one snack and try to encourage your child to choose a healthy snack. All children should take their water bottles home daily to be washed and re-filled. They can access their water bottle at any time of the day. No juice please. Children will be rewarded with a dojo point if they eat a healthy snack at break time.



Clothing

Please ensure all clothes are labelled—jumpers, polo shirts, gym clothes, gym shoes, jackets. This will help if your child misplaces an item of clothing. Our school uniform consists of black trousers/skirt, a white polo shirt/blouse or a black pinafore. Summer dresses and shorts are only allowed in Term 4 (after the Easter holidays).

P.E.

Your child will have two P.E. sessions each week. All PE sessions are currently being held outdoors, please ensure children have a PE Kit suitable for all weather. They will need black shorts/joggers, white t-shirt, hoody and gym shoes/trainers in a bag. No football strips please. It would be beneficial if this could be sent in on a Monday and it will be sent home on a Friday to be washed.

Class Dojo

Most parents have signed up to Class dojo and are enjoying the benefits of seeing how well their child is doing at school as well as the regular information shared through the Class Story. It also gives parents the option to message the teacher directly. All pupils received invites to take home to parents, if you need another invite to allow you to access Class dojo please do get in touch.

Weekly Awards

Each week the school will focus on one of the NWCC school values i.e. *Responsibility, Unity, Growth or Success*. The class teacher will award two certificates every week—one based on the focus school value and the other will be a star award.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 01387 245100. Please do not use Class Dojo.

Late-comers

If your child is late for school please take them to the school reception where they can make their own way to class. First thing in the morning is a very busy time for teachers - if you need to speak to the class teacher, please make an appointment at the office.

Staffing

P4 — Mrs Ashby & Miss Limond

PT— Miss Halliday

DHT—Miss Henry