



P.4/5 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to P.4/5's newsletter for Term 1.

P.4/5's project this term will be a novel study of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. This will be a literacy based project but will also incorporate Science, ICT, Art, Drama and Health. This will also fit in with Aberdeenshire's Active Literacy Programme which involves the pupils using novels to learn about and understand 6 different Comprehension Strategies.

Reading is done very differently when using the Aberdeenshire Active Literacy Programme. You should already have received a separate information sheet to explain how the reading will work in P.4/5 this session.

Our focus for Numeracy this term will be Place Value, Estimation and Rounding and Number Patterns and Relationships. As always the pupils will also be continually practicing their times tables so any help you can give them at home would be great.

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays and this term I will be focusing on Yoga. We are also very lucky to be getting some Relax Kids Sessions later in the term which will link in with the breathing and meditation aspects of yoga. I would like to take PE outside as much as possible, so I would appreciate it if your child could bring jogging trousers or leggings and a sweatshirt to wear outdoors. For indoor PE they require shorts, leggings or joggers, a t-shirt and trainers or gym shoes. Long hair should be tied up on PE days and ear-rings removed or covered up with tape please.

P. 4/5 are also lucky enough to be getting Mrs Pert for Music twice a week this term and Mrs Noble for ICT every second week.

Our Health and Well-Being Programme for this term will be looking at Growth Mindset, hoping to improve the pupils' attitude towards their learning.

Homework for P. 4/5 will be given out on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with everything due in on Friday of the same week. Monday's homework will be spelling, Tuesday a Maths activity (times tables initially) and Wednesday will be a variety of activities and tasks. The pupils may also be given small projects to work on at home over a period of a few weeks. Details will follow as required. I have also given the pupils a Home Reading Sheet for them to log reading at home at least twice a week. I hope this makes up for the group readers no longer going home and will encourage your child to read for pleasure.

Please could I ask that pupils are given shoes to wear indoors - plain gym shoes or trainers will be fine. (These could be the same shoes they have for PE). This helps to keep the carpet clean once winter hits and also makes the children more comfortable if they have heavy boots or wellies on. Could I also ask that ALL pupil clothes, shoes and gym kits are labelled with the pupil's name - it makes things much easier to find when things go missing!

So it looks like P. 4/5 are going to be busy!

If you have any queries or problems please feel free to get in touch with me, either through the School Office or a message with your child.

Mrs Claire Eade
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