



Carrick Knowe Primary School

Primary 4 Newsletter

Terms 1 & 2: August-December



After a long summer, it is great to be back! The aim of this newsletter is to give you a brief overview of what we will be covering in class in each of the curricular areas. As the year progresses, make sure you head over to our website where we'll be posting updates and photos from the classroom - just go to the 'Our 26/27 Blogs' menu item.

Literacy and English Writing - 'Have a Go' writing - Imaginative writing (characterisation & description) - Non-Fiction Writing (Instructions) - Features of a sentence (exploring punctuation and grammar) - Proof reading and correcting work Reading - Reading fluency, accuracy, speed and expression - Responding to texts and sharing thoughts - Comprehension, answering questions on a text - Making connections between characters and own life - Using dictionaries to support accurate spelling Listening and Talking - Sharing opinions and listening to different perspectives - Speaking to an audience in a logical manner - Identifying fact vs. opinion French - Numbers 1-31 - Date & birthdays	Numeracy and Maths: Number Processing - Understanding place value, including counting forwards and backwards in increments of 2,3,4,5 10 and 100 - Addition & subtraction using different strategies. - Multiplication & division using various approaches - Fluency of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables Estimation & Rounding - Rounding numbers to nearest 10, 100 and 1000 within 1000 - Using estimation to support number processing Pattern & Relationships - Creating, explaining and continuing a variety of number patterns 2D & 3D Shape - Identify and recognise a variety of shapes - Creating tiling patterns
Health and Wellbeing: - P.E. (team games, netball, basketball, hockey & rugby) - Building Resilience- Make a Difference, Talk Things Over - School Values - Responsibility, Kindness - Class Charter (with links to UNCRC)	Expressive Arts: Art: Using different mediums including exploring the use of technology Drama: Character, expression & setting Music: Sing Up, body percussion and responding to different pieces of music
Technologies: - Computing science - Introduction to coding language - Problem solving using technology	Context for Learning This term our learning context will be "Amazing Inventions" - Scientific news and inventions - Understanding how inventions have changed our world. - Using technology to research and enhance my learning.

RME:

- Stories from different religions to understand beliefs and values.
- Places of worship
- Celebrations & traditions (including Christmas & Diwali).

Outdoor Learning:

- Food chains
- How plants grow
- Global climate zones
- Human and animal (inherited characteristics).
- Natural environment's influence on living things.

Other Key Information:

PE: PE will take place on **Tuesday & Wednesday**.
Please ensure that your child has a PE kit on these days.

Homework: **Homework will return from Monday 31st August.** This will consist of a weekly numeracy task using SumDog where the questions will focus on reinforcing the learning taking place in class. There will also be a literacy task which should be completed over a 4-week period. Further information about this will follow.

Learning Journals:

We use a tool called Learning Journals as part of our 'Reporting to Parents/Carers' process. Between now and Christmas we will post a Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing observation. We'd really appreciate it if you could use the 'Like' or 'Comment' buttons when you receive these.

For any new parents, please go to carrickknoweprimary.com/learningjournals/ where you can sign up. There is also an app you may wish to download.

Outdoor Learning: Primary 4 will receive Outdoor Learning **every Wednesday**. As the weather changes, please ensure your child comes to school with a suitable coat.

School Website: We aim to post lots of updates to our blog on the school website. Be sure to check out what we have been up to.

We thank you for your support and look forward to a successful year!

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