

### Home-School Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please contact the school office by telephone or email—they will be happy to answer any queries you may have or if you wish to speak to me on the phone, please leave a message with the office and I will return your call.

### Celebrating Success

We are still very keen to hear about any achievements from home, clubs or extra-curricular activities! If your child has done something that you think should be recognised, either send me a message on Seesaw about it or bring it into school (eg. A trophy or a medal). These achievements can be shared on Seesaw, the class's Proud Wall and even on the school Achievement Wall for others across the campus to acknowledge.

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**Primary 4S  
Newsletter  
Term 3  
March 2022**

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### Welcome

We have now entered term three and Primary 4 are looking forward to adding to our achievements this year. In term two we enjoyed learning about the rainforest and exploring the environment of our planet. In addition, we all learned lots of different ways to keep improving our reading, writing, numeracy and social skills. It has been fantastic to see so many of our learners across Primary 4 achieve so much, particularly with their reading progress recently, and we hope that this continues.

### General Information

Please make sure your child brings a suitable jacket for the ever changing weather as we will be outside for break and lunch as much as possible (except on very wet days or in extreme weather conditions.)

Please ensure your child brings a small snack for playtime and a named water bottle for them to drink from throughout the day. Our school is a nut-free zone which means that nuts cannot be permitted in any form (i.e. chocolate hazelnut spreads). Due to the recent introduction of Natasha's law, we cannot provide snacks for children or allow children to swap foods. If you have any enquiries about your child's dietary requirements, please contact the school office.

**It would be appreciated if you could put names on all belongings to help us return found property to the rightful owner.**

### P.E.

Primary 4S will take part in structured P.E lessons on a Monday. It would be helpful if children could wear or be sent to school with appropriate outdoor footwear. Due to COVID restrictions, children are not currently able to get changed in the school building.

### Health and Wellbeing

Primary 4's focus for this term in Health and Wellbeing will be surrounding internet safety and personal hygiene. The class have recently enjoyed using more technology to learn about how to interact with different food types safely and the importance of hand hygiene.

Moving forward, Midlothian Council are currently in the process of rolling out one-to-one devices for every child in a Midlothian school. To ensure that our learners are prepared to use these new resources safely, we will be focussing on teaching different ways to keep ourselves safe online (e.g. password security, spam, fake news, social media etc.)

### Literacy

Our daily routines for reading and writing remain unchanged to ensure consistency and progress for our learners. Pupils focus on their reading during 4 sessions each week. During this time they will either be working towards their targets through Read, Write, Inc. activities or Reading Comprehension Strategy tasks. The work we are achieving in class is supporting all learners to work towards their own goals.

This term in writing, our class will be focused on including higher level punctuation to up-level our writing. Some of the punctuation we have looked at recently has included speech marks, commas, question marks and exclamation marks. Furthermore, we hope to explore some poetry this term and expand on our previous learning about descriptive and imaginative writing.

### Numeracy and Maths

Our focus this term will be to consolidate our knowledge across all five domains (number processes, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division, fractions and symbols and expressions). The class have done a lot of work recently to focus on their times-tables. Moving forward, we are aiming to explore division in more depth and identify strategies that help us to divide larger numbers.

In maths, we have already completed our shape topic in which we explored 2D and 3D shapes, and their properties. Our next focus will be money and solving problems relating to adding amounts, calculating change, budgeting and real-world examples of monetary exchange.

### IDL

Our topic focus this term is farming and food. The class will explore agriculture, food miles, farm-to-fork, food hygiene and the journey of food items such as milk and bread. The class will also be focussing on improving their digital literacy skills and knowledge once the roll-out of devices is complete within our school.

### French Culture Week

During French Culture Week (wk. commencing 21st February), our class explored all things France! We learned about the history of France, took a virtual tour of Paris and created some artworks by Matisse. We shared our learning in a whole school virtual assembly, which we all found very exciting!