

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Welcome to Primary 4! We have had a brilliant start to the year, and it is lovely to see all the children back in school so settled and ready to learn.

If there is anything that crops up that you would like to discuss, then please feel free to phone the school office.

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Miss Bennett - P4B

**New Information**

- Children have individual 'packs' in school to avoid cross contamination of pens, pencils etc.
- At the moment P4s break is at 10.45 - 11.05 and lunch is at 12.00 - 12.45.
- PE will continue to be outdoors without changing into kit so please ensure your child has a jacket and adequate footwear for running around.
- Homework and reading books will not be sent home for the time being but we will keep you updated if guidelines change (and we will be uploading some additional tasks to the new google classroom).

Topic

This term our topic will be "Let's Explore Banff". This will involve looking at buildings in Banff, people who help us and all about our local community.

**What will we be learning in Term 1?**

In maths we will be looking at number processes, addition and subtraction and practising mental maths regularly too.

For reading we will be reading *The Queen's Nose* as our class novel, and doing various activities linked to this using the following reading strategies: prior knowledge (what do we already know?), metalinguistics (finding meanings of words), visualisation (making images/mind maps from the information in the text), inference (looking for clues in the text), main ideas (understanding the main themes of the story).

For writing we will be using the big writing programme and focussing on our use of VCOP - vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation to add interest to our story writing.

For spelling, we will be completing activities regularly and will also put the spelling lists onto google classroom for the pupils to practice at home.

In health and wellbeing, we will be using a mix of the bounce back programme and growth mindset to help pupils with resilience and emotional intelligence.

Google Classroom

- There is a new google classroom set up for each P4 class. The old classrooms (P3) have been archived and will no longer be monitored.
- Teachers will invite pupils to join the new classroom. You can also access using the (P4A) class code: **zj73tyw**
- We will be uploading any announcements and homework tasks onto the new google classroom. Homework will be uploaded at the beginning of a week.

**Dates for our diary:**

- Obviously, restrictions are still in place for us so our diary is not as full as it would usually be!
- Pupils will be voting for their new house captains on Monday 30th August.
- Christmas cards (I know!!! Already?) will be sent home on Friday 1st October, to ensure that they are available in time for Christmas. More details to follow nearer the time.
- At the end of term, we hope to be in touch with you regarding your child's progress. What this will be/look like will depend on the current restrictions at the time.
- Each P4 class has been given a week in the ICT suite where we will be able to explore technology. This will be at the end of term 1.
- Pupils will have a reporting jotter week at the end of term. This is an opportunity for you to see the types of work the pupils are given and evidence of their progress.