

Welcome back to Primary Four! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and are excited for the new term to come. Mrs Fox and I are looking forward to teaching you all the exciting activities we have planned.

Physical Education:

This term, the children will have P.E lessons on a Wednesday and Thursday. On a Tuesday they will also be given free dodgeball lessons from Activity NI. Please wear the school P.E kit into school or bring in a P.E kit (shorts, tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt and gym shoes) to keep in school. All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Golden Time:

On Friday afternoon we have golden time as a reward for hard work and good behaviour. Children can bring in one small toy/game from home; nothing electrical or valuable please.

Healthy Eating:

Just a reminder that there is a healthy eating policy in school and the snack you provide Monday-Thursday must be a healthy choice. Water is the only drink children are allowed in school; fizzy drinks are not permitted. Children are allowed to bring a small treat on Friday.

Engage:

We are lucky to be given the opportunity of working with Mr Crawford in P4. He will be taking small groups out on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to work on phonics and reading.

Other:

Please ask or check your child's school bag or homework file for any notes/homework's given out.

Full school uniform must be worn (except PE days when it is the school tracksuit) No leggings please. School shoes only.

Topic Work:

This half term we will be continuing on at looking at Space.

Planets, constellations, astronauts, missions to the moon will be some of the areas we will be covering.

<u>Literacy:</u>

This half term we will be focussing on recount writing. We will be studying the looking back method for comprehension. In grammar we will look at adjectives, chronological order, past tense. These are linked to our recount writing.

Numeracy:

We will continue our fluent in 5 mental Maths questions daily this term. We will be focussing on multiplication and division of 2, 3, 4,5, 8 and 10. We will also learn length and perimeter. Our problem solving for this term is on exploring patterns.

Homework:

Homework will be given on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This will be a mixture of Purple Mash, Seesaw and written. When your child completes the assigned homework, please sign it. Homework should take no more than 30 minutes each night to complete which includes hearing your child read for 10 minutes.

Reading and spelling activities should be completed daily, three other written homework's will be set: Maths, Literacy, Handwriting or Topic.

Practising timetables each night would also be beneficial to your child.