

Year Four October Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

A lot of hard work has been completed in September so well done to everyone! Coats may now be essential in October so try to encourage your child to wear one. Please remind your child about the importance of hand-washing and use of tissues to help prevent infection.

This is an outline of the areas to be covered during this month.

Numeracy

Revision of number facts to 20. Number language linked to addition. Please refer to the sheet given to the children to help with these facts and associated language.

Addition and subtraction of money to £1. We will begin place value to 999 and order and sequence numbers to 999. We will also continue to work on calendar patterns including the Months of the Year rhyme. Spatial awareness – position/turns/angles, direction and use of the Roamer will all be taught.

In measure the pupils will be introduced to the standard unit of measure the metre and measure in metres and half metres.

Language and Literacy

In reading our research and activities will centre on the topic of Homes. This will include shared, guided and independent reading using novels, reading books and reference materials on Homes as well as using a big book to study authorial techniques.

Writing activities will include an acrostic poem using house words and a washday script as well as Hallowe'en poems and spells. We cover proper nouns, exclamation marks and a or an. Spelling is based on the Prim-Ed spelling programme.

World Around Us

We will continue our Homes topic carrying out experiments to test walls for strength, absorbency of materials and damp-proofing. We will investigate light and learn about Thomas Edison who invented the light bulb as well as discussing the dangers of electricity. Plans will be studied and drawn. Washday long ago will also be covered.

Religious Education

We follow the Alive O 4 programme and this month we cover – Earthed in the Spirit, The Spirit of God in David and The Feast of All Saints.

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A lot of discussion takes place about safety with electricity, safety at Hallowe'en – fireworks and bonfires.

The Arts

Pupils create Homes pictures using a variety of media in Art. They will sketch pictures of washday and lighting artefacts.

In Music pupils will use vocal, environmental and percussion instruments to accompany the song Gotta Build a House and the use of sound words to accompany the house theme.

Pupils will have an opportunity to see a production of Peter Pan in school on 15th Oct.

Physical Education

Games – Handling leading to field games and non – invasion.

Fit For Life – Physical activity at Meadowbank 8th and 22nd October.

P4A will continue after-school P.E. with Ronan every Thursday.

Thank you. The year 4 teachers-

Ms Diamond, Mrs Dillon and Mrs McDermott.