

Mauricewood Primary School



Welcome to P3/4!

The children are settling into P3/4 and are enjoying getting back into routines. They have enjoyed learning about Children's Rights over the last few weeks through a whole school focus.

Literacy

The children are working to improve their skills when reading aloud and are developing fluency, expression and decoding. They are also developing their knowledge of different types of questions. As a class they are learning which strategies to use to work out the meaning of an unfamiliar word. In Writing, they will be looking at descriptive writing, including character descriptions linked to our class novel; 'How to Train Your Dragon'. We will then move onto writing suspense stories, using the model text of 'The Manor House' as a stimulus.

Numeracy/Maths

The class will continue with place value, number sequences, fractions/addition/subtraction and multiplication/division where they will be practising mental strategies for a variety of calculations and tackling problem solving questions using reasoning skills. Numeracy will involve written work, practical activities, games and ICT. In Maths, the children will be investigating probability.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum.

Our topic is Climate Zones and Natural Habitats. This will involve the children investigating the different climate zones on our planet and finding out how the climate and physical features influence the variety of living things in a particular place. In Art, we are using our Dragon theme as a stimulus to create a variety of images using different media with a focus on shape, form and texture. We also have the benefit of Mrs. Pryde who is currently teaching R.M.E on Mondays. We continue to practise our French through daily routines and games.

Health & Wellbeing

This term we have started by looking at the brain and Growth and Fixed Mindsets. The children will explore how a Growth Mindset is beneficial to their learning. They have also been reminded of the Learning Zones as the language surrounding this becomes more embedded in our classroom.

Mrs. McKendrick is taking P3/4 every Wednesday morning for P.E. sessions with a focus on hockey, I will be reinforcing this lesson on a Friday. Please ensure that your child is wearing clothes suitable for indoor/outdoor P.E..

Other Information

The children will have reading homework every week. Please ensure the reading diary is signed, thank you.

Spelling words and maths homework will be assigned weekly to the Google Classroom. We will have a spelling test every Monday.

Please encourage your child to bring a bottle of water to school each day. Remember to check out your child's learning on Seesaw - we have been practising a lot at posting independently.

I look forward to working together with you to support your child's learning throughout the year.

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