

### Homework

Homework will begin the week beginning the 2nd of September. This will be in a grid format of eight activities. The aim is to complete two activities a week and then return to school. A new homework grid will be sent home every four weeks.

### Home-School Contact

If you have any queries, concerns or anything you would like to discuss or let me know about, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am available in the playground at the end of a school day or you can contact the office to make an appointment. I will contact you, either by talking with you at the end of a school day or by phone if I have any concerns or if I am particularly impressed with anything in school. I will also send notes home or certificates to let you know of all the positive things they do.

### Help in Class

Extra adults in class are always a huge help for children's development. This can be supporting children with class activities, working with groups in class on a particular game or learning activity, helping us on trips (including swimming) or helping make resources in the school. If you have any time that you can volunteer, please let me know and we can discuss what you would prefer to do.

### Meet the Teacher

I look forward to meeting you at our Meet the Teacher Event which will take place on Wednesday the 18th of September from 4:45-5:30pm.

Acting Head Teacher:  
**Mrs L Walker**

Depute Head Teacher:  
**Mrs A. Dingwall**

Acting Depute Head Teacher:  
**Mr C Wilson**  
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## Welcome Back

I hope everyone had a lovely summer and welcome back to a new year. I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone and working with the children. It is my aim that P4 will be a fantastic year where children are safe, respected, having fun and reaching their full potential.

## General Information

In P4, we are very lucky to have access to swimming lessons at Newbattle Learning Community. These will take place every Wednesday morning and will form part of their PE. Our second session of PE is on a Thursday afternoon. It is important that children have their gym kit for this day and these can be kept in the classroom and sent home at the end of each term for washing.

Please ensure children have suitable outdoor clothing. Waterproof jackets in particular are essential to allow children to go out in all weather. Please ensure all clothing is labelled clearly with your child's full name and class so if anything is misplaced, it can be returned to you.

## The Term Ahead

In P4D, we are currently working on a Novel Study (James and the Giant Peach) where we will explore different aspects of the book and then celebrate Roald Dahl Day on the 13th of September.

After this, we have two exciting topics coming up. Our main topic will be researching and studying the Ancient Egyptians, where children will research the life of a key historical figure and the impact they had as well as explore the culture of the time and compare it to their own. We will also be engaging in a mini science topic on electricity, exploring and experimenting with ways to transfer electricity and design and make circuits for a purpose.

We will be participating in Maths Week commencing the 30th of September with a range of activities and challenges.

## P4D Class Contract

P4 worked in small teams to discuss and analyse some of rights of a child (UNCRC) and used a ranking system to indicate what ones were most important to them in the classroom (and there was some fantastic discussion when explaining their reasoning!). We have picked the top four and decided on class expectations together for these:

- 1) Children have the right to an education that develops each child to the full.

Child's promise:

I will **listen** and **try my best** at all activities and be **respectful** to others by **working quietly** so they can concentrate.

Teacher promise:

To teach lots of different things in different ways.

- 2) Every child has the right to the best possible health.

Child's promise:

I will eat a mixture of healthy food, drink water, join in HWB activities and get a good nights sleep before school.

Teacher promise:

Ensure they have access to clean water, time for energetic play and exercise, access to the lunch hall and teach them ways to keep their body and mind healthy.

- 3) Every child has the right to be protected from harm.

Child's promise:

I will be kind to others. I will not hurt others (feelings or physically) and I will tell an adult if I or someone else is hurt so they can get help.

Teacher promise:

To ensure the classroom is a tidy and safe place for you to move around in and to help if someone is hurt.

- 4) Every child has the right to express their thoughts and feelings and should be listened to.

Child's promise:

I will share my ideas with the teacher and with the class and I will listen to others.

Teacher promise:

To listen to your thoughts and reasons. If suitable, make changes based on these or explain why if it is not possible.