

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to our second newsletter. It has been great to get to know the children and finding out how they want to learn and what they enjoy.

We have had a very successful and busy first term. The children have been very enthusiastic with work in class and also with visitors we have had to the area; including the Nature Detectives from Roslin Institute, the Fire Service and a local singer.

Mr Burt

### Maths / Numeracy

Children have been working very hard and are showing an improved understanding of fractions both within shapes and numerically through problem solving.

We are continuing our focus of multiplication and will be adding depth to this through the introduction of division.

We will also be looking at Data Handling and 2D and 3D Shape.

### Social Studies

The children are really enjoying the Viking topic which will continue for a further number of weeks before culminating in a visit to the Museum.

We will also be looking at Autumn and Changing Materials before Christmas.

### Literacy

We have been working on our novel study and have timetabled personal reading to encourage enjoyment of choice.

In writing we have covered a range of genres including Imaginative, Newspaper Articles, and Instruction Writing. During this term we will continue to develop our Instructional Writing and reinforce the areas we have already covered. We will also look at writing a variety of poetry linked to topic subjects.

We will be creating presentations within our Topic Work as part of Listening & Talking and the children are already looking forward to this.

### H&WB

The Primary 4 P.E. classes are working together in P.E. to promote social skills.

Within Cool in School we have focussed on Cool Responses and we are now developing Cool Thinking. We are finding that this is encouraging children to work together and has created a very positive area ethos.

The children are actively involved in Pupil Groups and the Middle Area children have also created their own School Improvement Plan; this ensures the children have a voice in building the school environment they want.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be issued on Mondays for return on Fridays. Some children have asked if they could do additional reading at home and we would encourage them to read their own books if they are keen.

If you do have any questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to get in touch.