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| ‘Exciting learning within our friendly and active community of Roslin and Bilston’ |

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| Primary 4b Term 3 Newsletter |

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The whole area was glad to welcome back the children after the Christmas and New Year break.

The children were excited that the area has had the first part of our makeover with dividers now in place to separate the classes. We have also cleared the Art Area. These and the ongoing changes have created a much more spacious learning environment with additional display areas and break out areas.

This has helped to create a much calmer and peaceful environment.

Miss Brodie

**Maths / Numeracy**

We will continue to do the Daily Four which looks at the main numerical functions (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). It is important that there is ongoing re-enforcement at home to embed x table facts, number bonds and counting recall.

The main Maths focus this term will be Time, with Number, Addition and Subtraction being covered in Numeracy.

**Science**

Our Topic for this term will be Plant Life Cycles and Animal Food Chains. This topic has been driven by the children and has focussed on their prior knowledge and what they want to learn.

**Golden Time**

Golden Time has become more structured. As part of this we have purchased a number of board games. We are looking for adult helpers to play these games with small groups. It would also be lovely to have guest parents who may be able to help with arts and crafts, baking, sporting activities or even introduce a musical instrument or talent.

**H&WB**

We are continuing the Cool in School programme. Children will be looking at using Body Language and re-enforcing their own Cool Responses.

Within P.E. we will be looking at ball skills and invasion games. This will also look at working within teams, utilising skills that are being taught in co-operative learning.

The class will continue to get P.E. with the Beeslack specialists on a Wednesday.

A number of the P4’s have also taken up the opportunity of Badminton after school on a Monday.

**Literacy**

The children are now well engaged in the routine of choosing books that they like for silent reading. Completing book reviews to encourage friends to try other books. Please remember that they are allowed to bring books from home for this.

Over this term the children will get to write some more poetry as well as undertaking report writing and a further chance to create some imaginative stories.

We will be using co-operative learning to develop listening, discussion, sharing of ideas and presentation skills.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Miss Brodie.