



Friday 3rd Sept 2010

Dear Primary 4 Parents and Carers,

Here's to another term! I hope that you all survived the Summer holiday! We are all looking forward to working hard this session!

The topics for this term are outlined below:

Language

We will be using our project as stimulus for development of all areas of language - Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking as well as having cross curricular links.

Mathematics

Number processes and time using Curriculum for Excellence Outcomes.

Social Studies

The Greater Craigmillar Heritage Trail/The Local Area

Science

Health and Wellbeing

Handwashing Week/Food hygiene

R.M.E

Places of Worship

P.E

P.E. with the specialist Mr Carstairs (Wed) Please ensure your child has full PE kit to be kept in class.

Drama

Art

Printing, Painting and Collage using The John Maxwell Mural as context and stimulus.

<u>Music</u>	Whole school singing on Mondays (Songteach) and classroom lessons using ABC music.
<u>I.C.T</u>	Wednesdays with Mrs Bell.
<u>P.S.D</u>	Emotional Literacy - New targets for PLP's and "Fresh Start" including the themes of Belonging and Respect.

Homework

- Spelling homework will be given out on a Monday to be returned on a Thursday.
- Accelerated reading books will be given out on a Monday and collected in on a Friday. Children will be given reading to do at home on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night.
- Homework is in the process of being re-vamped this session. Some homework challenges this term may need more than one week to complete but full instructions will accompany the challenges when they are issued.
- My maths set will be given homework on a Monday to be completed and returned by Thursday.

Target setting

- Personal Learning Plan Targets for your child have been set for this term as usual for you to look at during your parent night consultation.

Assessment is for Learning

- As Curriculum for Excellence continues to be developed throughout the school, all pupils should be able to tell you about the 4 capacities - Responsible Citizens, Confident Individuals, Successful Learners and Effective Contributors. Do they know what they mean? Ask your child. We will continue to use the traffic light system, Active Learning, collaborative working, thinking thumbs, whiteboards, peer/ self assessment, post its and WALT and WILF in the classroom to help us with our learning in our endeavours to implement The Curriculum For Excellence. Ask your child to explain these to you if you are unsure of what they are.

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding last session. If you have any questions or queries at any stage throughout the term then **please** do not hesitate to call or **come in and see me**.

Peter Glancy (Primary 4 Class Teacher)