

ETHOS AND LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

- We are all trying to follow our school rules to be: RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL and SAFE.
- We are all trying to remember to show our values of: KINDNESS, INCLUDING, CREATIVITY & GIVE OUR BEST.
- We get **house points** for following the rules or showing our values.
- We will be electing our **House Captains** who collect house points each week.
- Every **Tuesday** we have an **assembly** with Mrs Masson on a different theme. ***The assembly PowerPoint is usually shared in our weekly Sway newsletter.***

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Each class **celebrates the achievements** of all children during our assemblies. ***Do let us know if your child has achieved something – small or big.***

HOW YOU CAN HELP US?

- We will have **P.E** on **Monday** and **Thursday** mornings. Getting changed has been taking quite a lot of time out of our lesson time, so on Mondays and Thursdays please send your child to school **wearing suitable gym clothes** so that we can go straight to the hall for the beginning of our hall slot.
- **Outdoor Learning** is on **Wednesdays 9am – 10:15am**. P4 are very lucky to be supported in our **OL** this year by **Zsafia** from **Outdoor Classrooms** which we are very excited about! We will be going out in (almost!) all weathers so please check the forecast and ensure your child has suitable clothing and shoes/ boots for being outside for an hour and in the forest.
- Please provide your child with a pair of indoor shoes. Clean, indoor shoes are required for the gym hall as well as helping to keep our classroom carpet clean. In wet weather, being able to change into dry shoes is also more comfortable!



HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD?

Home Learning

This will usually be spelling, maths and reading. Homework will be issued on a Tuesday. Please keep your child's Homework jotter and reading book in the Homework bag provided and return everything to school in the bag by the following Monday.

Homework will start after the September Weekend.

Mrs Masson is reviewing Longstone Primary's Home Learning this session, so look out for a parent survey coming soon.

LITERACY

Reading: We will build our reading fluency when reading aloud and we will develop our reading comprehension skills in our reading groups. We will use our phonics skills to decode unfamiliar words and build up common word and sight vocabulary.

Writing: we will be developing our sentence structure by using a range of punctuation and connectives. We will be trying to write a series of sentences using capitals and full-stops. We will be uplevelling sentences to add more detail and interest.

Spelling: We will use our whole school spelling approach to consolidate spelling patterns on a daily basis. We will regularly practise reading and writing of common words.

Talking and Listening: We will be working in talk partners to develop our communication skills.



Primary 4



Term 1 Aug – Dec 2026-27

Curriculum Information for Parents

Our Vision:

To help every child to grow in confidence, love learning and use their skills to make the world a better place, now and in the future.

Our Values:

We are **KIND**
We **INCLUDE EVERYONE**
We are **CREATIVE**
We always **GIVE OUR BEST**

INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING (IDL)

SCIENCE

States of Matter, The Water Cycle and Weather

We will explore solids, liquids and gases, experiment with the changing of states of water and create weather instruments.

Inheritance

We will investigate inherited family characteristics such as eye and hair colour.

RSHP

Every Wednesday afternoon from Sept 9th to Oct 7th we will be covering the P4 RSHP modules of 'Safe and Happy Online' and 'How Human Life Begins, Pregnancy and Birth'. All teaching resources that will be used can be viewed here:

<https://rshp.scot/first-level/#safeandhappyonline>

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

TECHNOLOGY

Textiles

We will design & create a range of projects using different tools, techniques and materials including weaving, felt work & sewing.

NUMERACY

In **Numeracy**, we will be building our knowledge of place value of 3-digit and 4-digit numbers. We will be counting forwards and backwards, on and off the decade by 10 and 100 within 1000. We will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as learning to count in 3s and 4s. We will be consolidating our knowledge of number bonds, doubles and near doubles.

In **Maths**, we will be learning names and properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects and investigating shape symmetry. We will identify the shapes in the real world around us.

We will also be practising how to use a calendar and we will be learning how to write a short date.

OTHER AREAS

In **Art**, we will explore pattern and shape, and develop our drawing skills linked to our weather topic.

RME: we will be learning about compassion and children's rights.

French: we are revising simple greetings, learning days of the week, months and numbers to 30.

HEALTH

In **P.E.** we will be developing our hand-eye coordination and developing our passing skills during invasion games.

HWB

We will be learning to work together, take turns and listen to each other in group tasks. We will identify and talk about which Meta Skills we are developing.