

Language & Literacy

Reading

We are starting the term on our third novel, will have another two week non-fiction block and also read our fourth novel. **A reminder that during the non fiction block reading homework will not be set. The children now have a library book in school and are encouraged to read their books at home to continue building their reading stamina.**

Spelling

We are now well under way with our spelling programme. This term our focus phonemes will be 'oa' and 'oo'. We will also learn about the silent i, y and e spelling rules.

At home you could ask your child to teach you these spelling rules and together, write a list of words where the rules apply.

Writing

This term we will be learning to use persuasive writing to persuade our reader to visit Kelso. We will be using powerful persuasive language and remembering to include opening and concluding sentences to our paragraphs. Later on in the term we will be learning about recounting our own experiences and explanation writing to support our science topic. **At home you can support your child by asking them to persuade you to do something. (e.g. stay up late, play a game, watch a certain film) Encourage your child to have three arguments. For recount, why don't you ask your child about a game they played with their friends, a day out, or even what they did at school. Encourage your child to start at the beginning and tell events in order.**

Kelso, The Borders and Beyond

We will begin by studying our own town Kelso and exploring the facilities and attractions Kelso has to offer. We will then compare our town to others in the Borders as we learn what each town is known for. After that we will learn where we are in Scotland and about the different regions in our country.

Brilliant Bodies

For our 'Brilliant Bodies' topic we will be learning all about our bodies, how they work, what they are made from and how we look after them.

At home you could ask your child to find Kelso and The Borders on a map or ask them to teach you about their body.

Primary 4M Curriculum

Overview January—March 2019

Kelso, The Borders and Beyond

Brilliant Bodies (Feb -March)



Numeracy & Maths

Multiplication, Division and Fractions

This term will be learning to multiply and divide by 3 and 4. We will start by learning our 3 and 4 times tables then solving multiplication and division problems involving 2 or 3 digit numbers. Later on in the term we will be exploring fractions of shapes and then applying this knowledge to find fractions of numbers. **At home you can keep practising all the times tables your child has learned to promote fast and accurate recall.**

Place Value

Much later in the term we will move on to place value. We will spend time revising and consolidating our knowledge of numbers up to 10,000. We will be working out 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more and less than given numbers as well as reading and writing in words and numerals these larger numbers. **At home you can support your child by giving them a number and asking them to count on or back in 1s, 10s, 100s or 1000s.**

Shape, Position and Movement

We will be learning about regular 2D and 3D shapes. We will learn how to correctly label edges, faces and vertices and work out how many each of the shapes have. **At home ask your child to show you edges, faces and vertices on 3D shapes in your home.**

Data Analysis

We will be learning to gather and record our own data. Learning the different ways this can be displayed. We will then start to interpret different forms of data and draw conclusions from our findings.

Health and Wellbeing

For our Health and Wellbeing this term we will be focusing on keeping connected. The children will be learning about the importance of positive relationships to our wellbeing. In PE we will be working on team sports with Miss McManus and gymnastics, racket skills and dance with Mrs Rhodes.

Number and Maths Ideas for Home

Websites

- Sumdog (children all have individual logins in their red homework diaries)
www.sumdog.com
- Top Marks Shape, Position and Movement Games
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/shape-position-and-movement>

Kelso, The Borders and Beyond

Google Earth, find yours and other family members homes. Find where the Borders towns are and what direction they are from Kelso (North, East, South, West)

More about Brilliant Bodies

- BBC bitesize human body
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- Top Marks, The Human Body
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=the%20human%20body>

Children will also be going to the school library on a fortnightly basis. They will have opportunity to take out a non fiction bodies book as their library book.

Spelling ideas to help learn those High Frequency Words

1. Hidden words, hide your spelling words in a picture,
2. Connect the dots, make your spelling words out of lines then connect the dots.
3. Vowel circle, circle all the vowels in your spelling words with a coloured pencil.
4. Story, write a story using all of your spelling words.

Remember to go back and check you still know your last set of high frequency words.