

## Language & Literacy

### Reading

We are beginning our term with a short non-fiction block on Scotland and two weeks studying Scots poetry. We will then work on two group novels to take us to the Easter holidays. **At home please ensure your child completes their reading homework. You can support them by asking questions about what they have read or encourage them to tell you about one of the characters in their novel.**

### Spelling

We are continuing on with our spelling programme, this term our focus phonemes will be "oe", "oo" and "f". We will also be learning about the silent 'e' spelling rule and the one syllable words rule. **Your child will bring home their high frequency words in their homework jotter every four weeks. Why not ask your child to spell words from a list a few months ago to check their spelling?**

### Writing

This term we will be learning to use persuasive, explanation and narrative writing. We will be linking our writing to our topic and writing all about the rainforest. **At home you can support your child by encouraging them to persuade you to allow them to do something (e.g. stay up late, have a friend over). Remind them to have 5 good persuasive reasons. Then sum up and recap their reasons at the end.**

## Roaming In The Rainforest

For our rainforest topic we will be working towards answering our big question; ***What has the rainforest got to do with me?*** To help us answer this we will be learning where rainforests are, what the key features of a rainforest are, animals that live in the rainforest and produce we get from the rainforest. As part of Fairtrade fortnight we will explore the role of Fairtrade on the people and rainforest environment. **At home you could encourage your child to tell you about the rainforest and the things they have learned. Maybe ask them our big question.**

## Primary 4M Curriculum Overview

### January - March 2020



## Numeracy & Maths

### Multiplication and Division

We are beginning our term with revisiting multiplication and division. We will be learning our 3 and 4 times tables. Then applying our times tables knowledge to help us multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers by 3 and 4. **At home you can help your child by practising their 3 and 4 times tables.**

### Fractions

We will then start learning about fractions (halves, quarters, thirds). Exploring how we can make a fraction, equivalent fractions and finding a fraction of a number. **At home try to show your child fractions in everyday life (e.g. half fill the bath, split a tin of beans into thirds).**

### Addition and Subtraction

Our addition and subtraction work this block will build upon our prior learning of using different strategies to mentally add and subtract up to 4 digit numbers. We will then build upon our work using formal written methods. **At home keep practising those number bonds to 20 for fast and accurate recall (e.g.  $6+8=$  or  $14-9=$ ).**

### Money and Measure

We will begin our term continuing our work on money, learning how to add totals and work out change. We will then move onto to measure, where we will learn to measure, compare, add and subtract length, volume/capacity and mass using standard units of measure. **At home you can support your child by encouraging them to measure in your home (e.g. weigh ingredients, measure the length of the sofa).**

## Health and Wellbeing

Our focus this term is *Get Active*, the children will be learning about the importance of exercise for their physical and mental wellbeing. We will also be learning about friendship and the qualities of a good friend.

## Number And Maths Ideas For Home

### Money Games

How much left? <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=howmuchleftv2>

Going shopping problem solving <http://flash.topmarks.co.uk/4020>

### Addition and Subtraction Games

Hit the button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Number fact families <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/number-facts/number-fact-families>

## Rainforest Topic Ideas For Home

- Read all about the rainforest by visiting the library or reading a book on the rainforest
- Explore facts on the national geographic website <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/rain-forest/>
- Do some research about a particular animal that lives in the rainforest;
  - Describe their habitat
  - What do they eat?
  - Are they a predator or prey?

## Spelling ideas to help learn those High Frequency Words

1. Story Story, try to write a story containing all your spelling words.
2. Hidden Words, can you draw a picture and hide your words in the picture?
3. Rhyming Words, Can you find words that rhyme with your spelling words?
4. ABC Order, Rewrite your spelling list with your spelling words in alphabetical order.

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