

**P4M Termly Update
Session 2017/18
Term 3**



Class News

Happy New Year! P4M have made a super start to the new term. Following the success of our Harry Potter topic, we have worked collaboratively to identify what we want to learn and how we can do this for our new topic which will be the Rainforest. Some great ideas have been suggested and we are confident that we will enjoy it! Information about snow day activities is available on the school website <http://meldrum-pri,aberdeenshire.sch.uk/> Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or questions.

Weekly Timetable

Monday	Philosophy for children with Mr Mitchell, Assembly and Library exchange.
Tuesday	Science with Mrs Grant and French with Mrs Leith
Wednesday	OTTER Clubs
Thursday	Outdoor PE with Mrs McCartney
Friday	PE with Mrs McCartney

This Term's Learning

Literacy and English...

In listening and talking we will focus on making valuable and justified contributions to group discussion. Through our active spelling programme we will continue to work on reading and writing phonemes along with our common words and learning spelling rules. During our daily guided reading time we will be reading with discussion, completing follow up comprehension and grammar activities. We will continue to link our writing with our project to give interesting context whilst consolidating the key features of writing : Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. Will will work on our handwriting with the aim to achieve consistent and fully joined handwriting.

Mathematics...

In number work we will be working on place value, comparing and ordering and rounding. We will continue to develop our mental and written strategies in addition and subtraction. We are always working to improve our speed of recall of our multiplication facts and this will continue throughout the year. In practical maths this term we will consolidate our knowledge of the calendar before moving onto a time focus which will include reading the time, writing the time and working out durations.

Across the Curriculum...

Through are Rainforest topic we will learn about where the rainforests are, their ecosystems and the threats they currently face. We will learn about how our lives are impacted by the rainforests and what we can do to help protect them. We will continue to explore the SHANARRI indicators this term during our Health and Wellbeing lessons focussing on respect, safety and being healthy. In French, we will be learning about animals, birds and plants whilst revisiting what we have learned so far.

Home Learning Arrangements

Homework will go home on the Monday to be returned on the Friday. Topic tasks will be given on a fortnightly basis and children will get a paper copy of these tasks. Please ensure all jotter home learning is dated and signed by an adult.

Class Notes

Please ensure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit at school. This will include shorts and indoor gym shoes along with warmer clothing and outdoor trainers. Earrings should be removed or taped and long hair is tied back on gym days. Please send in an apron for messy activities – an old baggy T-shirt is perfect. If your child wishes to have a drink during class time, please provide them with water in a named bottle.