

**P4M Termly Update
Session 2017/18
Term 1**

Class News

Welcome to P4M! I hope everyone had a lovely Summer break. The children are all settling in well to the new P4 routine where we have been working together to set our class expectations for the year ahead. Our topic this term is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and, as always, I would love to see project related memorabilia coming into school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or questions.

Weekly Timetable

Monday	RME with Mrs Holland, Assembly, PE with Mrs McCartney
Tuesday	
Wednesday	PE with Mrs Grant, OTTER Clubs
Thursday	Science with Mrs Grant
Friday	

This Term's Learning

Literacy and English...

We will be learning about...

Listening and Talking – by making valuable and justified contributions to group discussions.

Spelling – through our Active Spelling programme, focusing on reading and writing phonemes, common and tricky words and spelling rules.

Reading – through our weekly guided reading where we will have pre-reading, reading with discussion and completing follow up activities.

Writing – we will link our extended writing to our topic to give interesting context whilst consolidating the key features of writing: Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation.

Handwriting - improving our writing with the aim of using accurate and consistent handwriting that is fully joined.

Mathematics...

We will be learning about...

Numbers – place value, comparing and ordering, rounding.

Multiplication – throughout the year we will work to develop our times table knowledge.

Practical Maths – using money in real-life contexts.

Across the Curriculum...

We will be learning about...

Health and Wellbeing – using circle time activities we will explore the SHANARRI indicators and discuss what makes us feel Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included.

Technologies – we will effectively use the internet as a research tool and continue to develop our word processing skills.

Expressive Arts – we will use Harry Potter to inspire a range of artwork using a selection of media and techniques.

RME – we will be finding out about Gospels and Parables.

French – we will focus on introductions and conversations.

Home Learning Arrangements

Home Learning 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. 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 shoes.

Please ensure earrings are 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.