



We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September. We know for some of you that it has been a while since you have been in school but we don't want anyone to worry as lots of children, parents and staff feel this way too.

School might look and feel a bit different when we return but this is to make sure everyone is kept safe and healthy. We will be spending a lot of time in our classrooms and keeping together as a class. The classroom has been set out in rows and everyone will have their own equipment to limit sharing.



## Who's Who?

### Class Four Teaching Team



Miss Jones



Mrs Leigh



Miss Reynolds



Mr Gaunt



## P.E. Routines

On **Mondays**, children in Class Four will do P.E. This year we are asking that on P.E. days, children come to school in their P.E. kit and they will remain in their kit all day. Therefore they will need to make sure they are wearing kit that is suitable and warm enough to be worn outside. A P.E. kit should include:

### P.E. kit

- White P.E. shirt (no logos)
- Black shorts (no logos)
- Black tracksuit for cold weather
- Trainers
- Football boots are optional for football

Please ensure that all jewellery is removed every Monday before school, in preparation for our P.E. lesson. If your child wears a bangle or bracelet that cannot be removed for religious reasons, please purchase a sweatband, which can be worn over the top to protect your child and others. We are not able to remove earrings in school.



# Reading and Homework Expectations



## Home Reading

To maximise the opportunity for your child to improve their reading fluency and comprehension, we expect that they read regularly at home, **three times a week**, for between 10 and 15 minutes. Wherever possible, please sit and listen to your child during this time. Having an audience really builds their confidence! Our incentive to encourage children to establish a home reading is a whole class treat at the end of each half term if sufficient children have read. We ask that you update your child's reading record every time they read. This will ensure they get the recognition they deserve for all of their efforts, as we will check their records each day.

## Maths - Times Tables Rock Stars

Fluency in times tables allows children to access their learning in maths with greater confidence. In order to support your children in developing this fundamental skill, we have a subscription to the Times Table Rock Stars website and app. This platform allows the children to practise their times tables and division facts through games. We expect that they access this platform **3 times per week** for 10 minutes. If your child doesn't have access to an electronic device, please let us know.

## Spellings

For Spellings, we will be introducing Spelling Shed for the children to access online. There will be activities set for them to practise their spellings at home.



# Our Curriculum



Each morning your child will have a set routine of sessions, which cover Grampian's core curriculum subjects of Spelling, Reading, Writing and Maths. In the afternoons, your child will explore different wider curriculum subjects such as Science, P.E. and topic subjects including History, Geography and Art.

Each term the teaching team devise a context to teach these subjects and, for this term, we are learning about What Makes the Earth Angry, by finding out about natural disasters and climate change. We hope to have lots of fun finding out facts as we explore more about the world. If you spot anything that might be interesting, please feel free to share it with us in class.



# Behaviour and Attendance



At Grampian we very much like to celebrate children's positive behaviour choices. So, children are rewarded 'Stars' for showing certain attributes. If your child earns three Stars, they will receive a note home and, for Star four or above, they will receive a bronze, silver or gold award.

We also give sanctions if children are not making the right choice and this is in the form of a 'Step'. It is quite normal for your child to receive 'Stars' and Steps' on the same day, depending on their behaviour choices that particular day. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's behaviour, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Class Four teaching team.

We enjoy a fast and vibrant learning environment at Grampian and so it is vital that children arrive to school on time (before 9am) and ready to learn. We understand that they may experience illness and therefore miss school; however, we hope that you are able to support both your child's attendance and punctuality so this year is as successful as it can be for them.



# Readiness for Learning



In addition to attendance and punctuality, it is incredibly important that your child arrives to school with all of the equipment they need to have a successful day. Your child must bring a water bottle filled with plain water (no fizzy drinks or juice) to ensure that they remain hydrated through the day. Also, they must bring a book bag or rucksack, with their reading book and signed Reading Record inside.

Finally, they must wear school uniform that is appropriate to the weather for that day. If you wish to purchase uniform or a water bottle with the school logo, please speak to the school office. Book bags can all be purchased at the school office. Please ensure that ALL of your child's clothing is labelled with their name so that we can ensure lost uniform can be returned quickly.

## **Boys**

- Grey/black trousers
- White polo shirt
- Red school sweatshirt (available on line from Tesco)
- Black shoes (NOT trainers)

## **Girls**

- Grey/black trousers or skirt
- White polo shirt
- Red school sweatshirt/cardigan (available on line from Tesco)
- Flat, closed-toe black shoes. Appropriately sturdy sandals are allowed in summer and plain black boots in winter
- For summer, a red and white checked dress