

Welcome to a new term! Term 1 flew by and with a busy term planned, I'm sure this one will too. It was lovely to see everyone at parent's evenings and discuss what has been happening in school so far.

### Literacy

In Reading, we are working in our reading groups and carrying out reading tasks using our reading books. We are also focusing on comprehension skills. Please bring reading books and diaries to school daily.

Writing will have a focus on functional writing, linking in with our topic. The children will also be working on developing their editing skills.

We will also be looking at our handwriting this term and identifying how to improve. We will be focussing on letter formation and joins.

## Numeracy/Maths

In Maths this term, we are working on time and money. In time we will be looking at analogue and digital clocks and time durations. Practise of reading clocks at home would be very beneficial.

In Numeracy, we will be working on addition and subtractions strategies and forward and backwards sequences. As always, we will be focussing on times tables. Lots of practise at home will help us improve our number skills!

# **Topic**

We enjoyed our Vikings topic last term and we have a little more to do before we bring the topic to a close. Our topic for this term has a science focus as we begin to investigate Energy and Forces. We will be linking this with non-fiction reading skills.

### Health & Wellbeing

We have a few more swimming sessions to go. The children have really loved this opportunity. Our PE days are Wednesdays with Mrs Jones and we will be learning some Scottish Country Dancing and also doing Creative Dancing.

We will be doing the daily mile outside so please come dressed for the weather - it is Scotland!

### Dates for your Diary

LOL 2 - Issued: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct
Due in: Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

Rosslyn Chapel Trip - Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov
LOL 3 - Issued: Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov
Due in: Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

School Christmas Fair - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

School Christmas Lunch - Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Pantomime - Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

Christmas Church Service - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Thank you for your ongoing support. I am looking forward to another busy but fun term with Primary 4!

Miss Holmes