

P4 CURRICULUM MEETING
OCTOBER 2020

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MRS C. DEVLIN (P4B)

Key Times

- ▶ School begins at **9:00am** every morning. We ask that children be at the gate ready for their temperature to be checked so that they may enter the school safely with their year group. Please do not have your child/children at the gate before 9am as they will end up mixing with other year group bubbles.
- ▶ School ends at **3pm**, every day except on Friday when we finish at **2.40pm**. Children will be walked to the bottom of the hill by their teacher. We ask that parents wait here to collect children promptly as there are no after school facilities.
- ▶ Break-time 10.15am – 10.30am.
(All children must bring a **healthy snack** with them to school each day)
- ▶ Lunch-time 12.00pm – 12.30pm

Children who are entitled to Free School Meals, will get two hot meals per week whilst the remainder of the week will be cold meals (lunches). If you are entitled to Free School Meals please ensure that the appropriate forms have been completed.

Uniform

- ▶ We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for keeping your children looking so well and ask that you continue to provide the school jumper, polo shirt, navy trousers / skirt (summer dress also available for girls) and **black shoes**.
- ▶ Please note that due to safety considerations only stud earrings and watches are allowed as items of jewellery. Rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings other than studs are **not** allowed.
- ▶ All items of school uniform should be labelled to avoid unnecessary confusion.
- ▶ When P.E recommences, children will be expected to wear the appropriate footwear for P.E as well as the appropriate P.E uniform. **Non school uniform is not allowed.**

Healthy Eating

- ▶ In line with the school's healthy eating policy, we encourage children to bring in a healthy snack at break time (and a healthy lunch, if applicable). Children may take in water, fruit or a healthy sandwich for break.
- ▶ It is also requested that children bring a bottle of water to keep them hydrated.
- ▶ **Please be aware of nut allergies and be careful not to send anything to school containing nuts or may contain nuts. This includes Nutella.**
- ▶ **Please ensure that lunches are sent in using disposable wrappings/containers as nothing should be going home to reduce risk of possible cross-contamination.**

Discipline

We ask parents to work with us to ensure that their children maintain good behaviour. We encourage children to:

- ▶ Come to school
- ▶ Do their best
- ▶ Allow other people to have their opinion
- ▶ Show kindness and consideration
- ▶ Take care of their own property and respect other people's property

Each class follows a Class Charter and as a whole school St Paul's follows a positive discipline policy, with rewards as well as sanctions in place.

Homework

- ▶ Homework is given every day Monday to Thursday on. This will all be provided online using Google Classroom; see the help videos on the School Website, for further guidance. The login details and password are available inside your child's green homework book.
- ▶ Homework includes written work in Numeracy or Literacy, Linguistic Phonics and reading. Reading will be carried out digitally using myOn.
- ▶ Occasionally a topic-based or Grow in Love homework may be sent home.
- ▶ P4 children are expected to spend 20-25mins on their homework each night (excluding reading)
- ▶ We ask that children's homework is checked and submitted each night on google classroom.

Please remember that for the mean time no items are to be brought into school. Each child has been provided with a green book to write their homework into. This book is to remain at home. If you are asked to complete an activity into tis green book, you will need to take a photograph of it and attach it to the homework activity on google classroom.

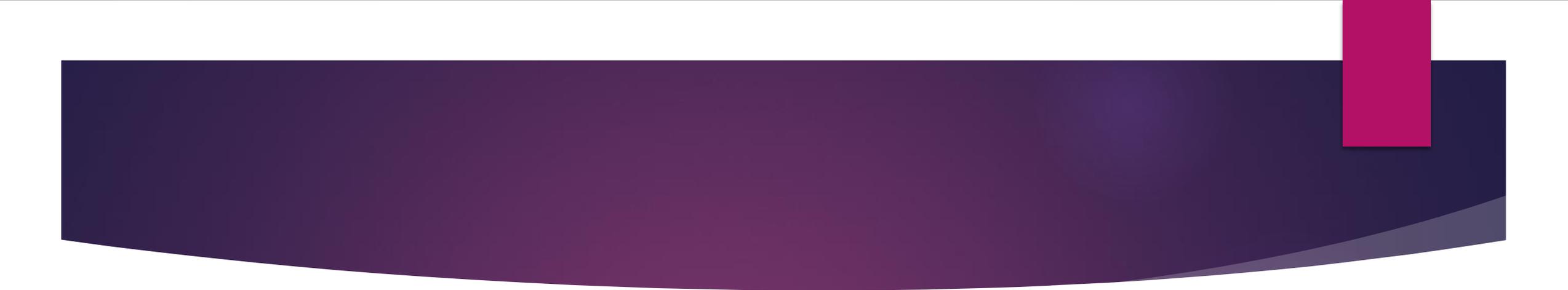
Reading

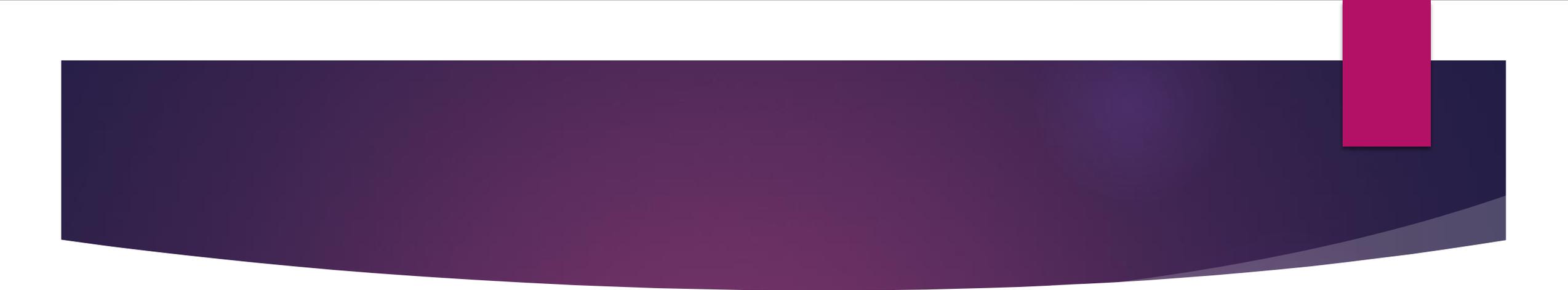
- ▶ Reading is an integral part of every school day and in P4 we stress the importance of reading. Children will take part in daily shared, independent and guided reading sessions. Guided reading will be at instructional level with the teacher, where texts are selected at a suitably challenging level. It is within these sessions that reading is taught. The main overall aim is to foster an interest in reading and to make children independent readers. To encourage this further, P4 children will be attending the mobile library in Term 3.

myOn/Accelerated Reader

Take home book: Due to COVID restrictions we are continuing our use of MyOn for online reading books linked to AR, as used during distance learning last year (same ID as AR).

- ▶ This book should be read with ease so to allow for this, the class teacher will select books at a level lower than the one they are reading in class.
- ▶ Parents are encouraged to read with their child each night. If your child is struggling with the level they are reading at, please inform the class teacher via google classroom and a different book will be selected.

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- ▶ **Religion:** P4 children are now continuing to follow the Grow in Love programme. This programme very much encourages parental involvement and participation through home learning.
 - ▶ P4 is a very important year in the children's faith development as they will be making the Sacrament of Holy Communion later in the academic year. We ask that you support us in preparing the children for this very special occasion. Key dates will be given in due course.
 - ▶ **Online Learning:** Pupils will develop their digital literacy skills and creativity via the Google Classroom and Seesaw Platforms. Such skills are essential for this generation and will build pupils' confidence and competence in completing online homeworks via the same mediums.

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- ▶ **The World Around Us**: focusing on the development of knowledge, skills and understanding in Geography History and Science and Technology. Our topics this year are:
 - ▶ Term 1: All Change/Christmas Around the World
 - ▶ Term 2: World War II
 - ▶ Term 3: Healthy Living
 - ▶ **Personal Development and Mutual Understanding**: This focuses on emotional development, social skills, learning to learn, health, relationships and mutual understanding in the local and global community. From September to December Primary 4 will be completing tasks in school to develop their confidence and expression.

Assessment

Each child will be given the opportunity to engage in active learning across all areas of the curriculum, with the aim being to develop skills in:

- ▶ Thinking, problem solving and decision making
 - ▶ Self management
 - ▶ Working with others
 - ▶ Managing information
 - ▶ Being creative
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- ▶ Children are assessed on an ongoing basis by teachers and at various times throughout the school year, they will complete formal set assessments. Within class, children will complete weekly assessments (Friday Dictation) and half termly assessments within Literacy and Numeracy.

Meetings

- ▶ There will be a one-to-one meeting with the class teacher later in the year. Further details will be given to you closer to the time.
- ▶ Pupil reports will be sent out at the end of the academic year.
- ▶ We recognise and value the importance of parental support in helping our pupils to achieve their personal best. Teachers are always willing to discuss any concerns that may affect your child's happiness or learning at school.
Appointments must be made in order to meet with the teacher. Please phone the school office on **028 90 328968**

Thank you for all your support so far and we look forward to working with you throughout the school year.

