

## Homework

Pupils will have reading homework Monday to Thursday evenings each week.

They will have spellings and tables to revise Monday to Thursday. They will be tested on a Friday.

There are 2 written homeworks per week for literacy or numeracy.

Mental maths homework is on-going and will be directed by the teacher and written in the homework Diary.

## ICT

Your child will have access to iPads, cameras, computers and interactive whiteboards to support their learning throughout the year.

## Topic work

In school we study the World Around Us (WAU) in each year group. Pupils in P4 will develop their WAU scientific, geographical and historical knowledge in 5 topics areas during the year, namely: Transport, Once Upon a Time, Hot & Cold, World War 2 and Castles. Please read and discuss aspects of these topic areas at every opportunity at home.

Pupils will also work on their Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities (TSPC) throughout their topic work including: Working with Others, Being Creative, Managing Information, Problem Solving/Decision making and Self-Management. Again please encourage opportunities for your child to develop these skills at home as well.

## CHILD CENTRED PROVISION

At Victoria Primary School we aim to meet the needs and aspirations of all the pupils within the school.

We aim to create a warm and positive whole school ethos, reflected in the attitudes of staff, pupils and parents. We also aim to provide a positive learning environment for all pupils where their learning is encouraged and developed within the context of their individual needs, talents and abilities.



## PE kit

Pupils are required to participate in PE as a mandatory curricular area. PE kit is usually a school polo shirt, shorts and black plimsoll shoes. However, if this is not available we will happily allow pupils to wear suitable alternatives.

## Trips

During the year P4 visit the Transport Museum, Carrick Castle, Carrick library and Maud's as part of their WAU topics.

## Administration

Please ensure dinner money should only be sent in on Monday morning unless a child is off sick.

We operate a Healthy Eating school policy Monday—Thursday for break and lunch. Friday is treat day. Please send in healthy items for snack and lunch on these days.

The school canteen will serve healthy dinners on these days with chips served on a Friday.

All policy documents are discussed with the Board of Governors, staff, school council and parents.

For more information please read the full policies on the school website.

## After school clubs and activities

In Victoria Primary we offer a very wide range of after school activities and courses. These include football, badminton, hockey, tennis, choir, orchestra, ICT, netball, pony club, rugby and French/Spanish. Many of these only operate for P4 upwards. I would encourage you to get your children to participate in the wider life of the school.

## PTA

We have a thriving PTA in Victoria Primary. They will always welcome new members and helpers for events. Information regarding the PTA is on the school website.

Thank you for attending this parent curricular evening. If you have any queries please contact the school. Please complete the evaluation and leave with the teacher or put into the 'Evaluation' box at the school entrance that would be greatly appreciated.



## What to expect in Primary 4

Working together for excellence

## Information for parents/guardians

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Thank you for taking time to read this information on what to expect this year in Primary 4. This leaflet can also be found on the school website [www.victoriaprimary.org.uk](http://www.victoriaprimary.org.uk) under Documents and Parental Information along with your 'Parent Pack' which details more information on the curriculum and important dates for the school year. If you have any questions or need assistance please phone Mrs Moffett in the school office on 02893351781. Mrs Moffett will put you in contact with the relevant person for your enquiry.



Position	Name
Acting Principal	Mr John Armstrong
Acting Vice-Principal	Mrs Jayne Orr
Head of P1—P4	Mrs Jayne Orr
SENCO/ Safeguarding/ Pastoral Care	Miss Jill Minnis
P4 Teachers	Mrs McCullagh Mrs Lyons Mrs Miskelly Mrs Skillen
Secretary	Mrs Moffett

#### **SAFEGUARDING in Primary 4**

Please read the tri-fold leaflets, the school policy or notices on school entrance doors on Child Protection/Safeguarding/Pastoral Care/E:Safety/RSE for important information. In Victoria, we understand that we have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the pupils in our charge. This charge is taken very seriously and we always carry out this duty as effectively as possible.

#### **WHO TO CONTACT**

If you have a concern regarding the safeguarding of pupils in school please contact:

**Designate Child Protection**

**Teacher Miss Jill Minnis**

**Deputy Child Protection Teachers**

**Mr John Armstrong/Mrs Pamela**



#### **PASTORAL CARE in Primary 4**

Victoria Primary School is committed, above all else, to providing each pupil with the best opportunities to develop his or her full potential, socially, academically, morally, emotionally and physically. If you have any concerns please contact the class teacher or Mr John Armstrong.



#### **CITIZENSHIP AND BEHAVIOUR in Primary 4**

The purpose of our school's policy for behaviour and citizenship is to:

Encourage and praise good behaviour;  
Prevent and discourage inappropriate behaviour;  
Deal with inappropriate behaviour in a fair and consistent manner;  
Develop behavioural skills in the pupils that will benefit both them and the community in which they live and learn.  
Rewards and sanctions all centre around the Golden Rules:

**Do be kind and helpful**      **do not be unkind or unhelpful**  
**Do be gentle**                      **do not hurt other people**  
**Do listen**                              **do not distract or talk over others**  
  
**Do work hard**                      **do not be deliberately idle in class**  
  
**Do be honest**                      **do not tell lies**  
**Do look after property**        **do not damage property**

#### **Numeracy**

As you will see in your 'Parent pack' your child will have a lot of knowledge and skills to work through in P4. They will need your on-going support. The main areas of Numeracy Learning for Year 4 are:

#### **Number**

Reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 1000  
Knowing place value including a zero  
Learn 2—10x tables  
+ and -- using HTu  
Use odd and even number patterns  
Use function machine  
Know and use the fractions 1/2s, 1/4s, 1/8s  
Find a fraction of an amount using 1/2 1/4  
Use coins up to £2 in + and -  
Know that 100p = £1.00 (introduction of decimal point)

Rounding numbers within 100  
Estimating numbers within 100  
Understand relationship between  $34 + 34 + 34 = 34 \times 3$   
Introduction of division

#### **Data Handling**

Use Venn diagram for 3 sets  
Use Carroll diagram for 4 criteria  
Use tally and bar charts  
Know the difference between block graph and bar graph  
Understand, read and plot simple coordinates

#### **Measure**

Tell the time using o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to in analogue and digital  
Know length is measured in cm and m  
Calculate area of shapes/spaces by counting squares  
Calculate perimeter by counting squares  
Know eight is measured in g and Kg  
Know capacity is measured in ml and L  
Know/Find 1/2 or 1/4 of Kg/mL

#### **Shape and Space**

Understand, recognise and draw lines of symmetry in 2D shapes and capital letters  
Know and use 4 compass points  
Revise names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes  
Introduce concept of a right angle

#### **Literacy**

There are lots of reading, writing, spelling and grammar books and activities to get through in P4 and this work will also need your on-going support.

#### **Spelling**

These are taught in school using the 'look, cover, say, check' approach and other strategies and are tested on a Friday.

#### **Reading**

In P4 we complete the phonics scheme. Tricky words that do not follow the sound patterns need to be learnt using the 'look and say' approach. Pupils need to read daily. We have silent reading time in school each day and guided reading activities with the class teacher. Please complete any reading activities homework sent home and actively encourage reading at bedtime.

#### **Writing, punctuation and grammar**

Pupils will be both printing and joining their handwriting in school in P4. The pupils will write in a wide variety of genres including poetry, persuasive, recount, narrative etc linked to their WAU topics. They will also complete activities in an extensive range of grammar activities. Punctuation in P4 will use the following " , . ? ! -

