**Primary 1**

**November 2017**

Dear Parents,

We are already well into a very busy term at Fishermoss. Our come as you please day for Children in Need was very successful, this event enabled all the children in P1 to develop a variety of skills as they wandered around the school, communicating with others as they decided on how to spend their pennies.

This term we have been continuing with our topic on seasons and have been looking at autumn festivals and celebrations. Preparations for our nativity performance are already underway and I am sure a few of you are already familiar with some of the songs we have been learning. Very soon some children will come home with words to learn for the nativity and your help in supporting them with this would be appreciated. We are lucky that we have lots of costumes available to us, however, you may be asked to help provide some items from home but please do not feel that you have to go out and buy anything special.

On Tuesday 28th November we will be visiting Portlethen library as part of book week Scotland. Your child will soon come home with a bag of goodies to support this event at home.

Our specialists this term are:

Wednesday Science Mrs Middleton

Thursday ICT Mrs Young

The children will also have hall time on Wednesday and Friday. Weather permitting, we will still be taking the children outside as much as possible this term so please ensure they have a jacket and sensible footwear. It may also be beneficial for children to have welly boots on wet or muddy days, we may even use these days for learning experiences outdoors too!

It would be helpful if you could ensure that all of your child’s belongings are named, to make it easier to find out who missing items belong to.

We are continuing to work on our Jolly Phonics and reading. A short time working on these will really help your child. Please use the sound flashcards that came home to consolidate the sounds and let us know if any need to be replaced. Please keep encouraging your child to blend sounds together to make simple words like sat, as well as looking for simple words in the environment. Your child will really enjoy success as they learn to read and create more and more words.

This term we will continue to focus on numbers within 10, working on formation and recognising the number in a variety of ways. We will also be looking at more and less e.g. we need one more banana, how many do we have altogether? To support your child’s learning in a fun way we use Orchard Toys games in school but these would also be a great way to support your child’s learning in a fun way at home. We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes within the children’s surroundings. Please encourage your child to look for shapes at home and discuss if they roll and how many corners or sides they have.

Our class nativity will take place during the afternoon of Wednesday 14th December 2017 and the morning of Friday 15th December, more details will follow shortly.

It was lovely to meet with you during the parent consultations and as always if there are ever any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch using the school diary or by contacting the school office.

Best Wishes,

Mrs McDonald and Miss Sang