

## P3/4 Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a nice October break and that you are ready for another busy term.

Please, could you make sure that your child has the following items in school everyday:

- Indoor shoes
- PE kit (black shorts and a white top if possible)
- Water bottle
- Homework diary
- A painting apron or old T-shirt

### Literacy

In both, P3 and P4, we will continue using Jolly Grammar to continue to further develop spelling, comprehension and vocabulary for reading and writing. We will also keep using the "Big Writing" approach. Children will be learning more about VCOP (vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation). The homework talk will be sent on a Monday to encourage your children to talk to you about their weekly writing task and their targets (or success criteria) in order to aid them with their writing.

### Numeracy

In P3 children will continue learning multiplication and division (grouping objects into sets) and they will be learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will also continue working with money, aiming at being able to understand the equivalences of money (e.g  $50p \times 2 = \pounds 1$ ). This is following Curriculum for Excellence guidelines supported by SHM.

In P4 children will be looking at different strategies to help them with subtraction up to 100. We will also continue working with money aiming to recognise the value of coins and notes to  $\pounds 10$  and also use their addition and

subtraction skills to look at cost and change to £1. This again, is following the Curriculum for Excellence guidelines supported by SHM.

### Topic

Our topic will continue to be "Our Brilliant Busy Body". This term we will focus on "The Five Senses" and how to keep healthy.

### Golden Time

On a Friday afternoon children will have the opportunity to bring in a toy or a game to play with. No electronic devices please.

### Homework

Your child will be reading on a Monday-Wednesday-Friday or Tuesday-Thursday - Friday. This will be followed up with reading to be completed at home alongside activities related to their reading book or Maths/ Literacy based work. Spelling words will be given out on a Monday. Different activities during the week will reinforce the spelling sound, pattern or rule the children will be learning at home.

Please note that I don't do "spelling tests" as such. I do however, an informal "check up" using the "show me" white boards on Fridays to check the children's progress.

### PSA

This school year, Mrs Dixon and Mrs Ritchie will be working along with us as our PSAs.

### This term:

PE - Monday and Thursday

Kodaly - Tuesday (Mrs Okumu)

Art - Wednesday (Mrs Morrison)

Science - Thursday (Mrs Middleton)

Library- P3 Friday, P4 Wednesday fortnightly (please remember to bring back your library book)

Show and Tell - Friday (please don't bring toys)

Dates for your diary:

October:

PSA Halloween Disco - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

PSA Night at the Movies - Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

November:

Parent/Teacher consultation Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-8:30pm and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November 3:45-6:15pm

Staff in Service Days- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Children in Need dress as you please- Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

PSA School Christmas Fayre - Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

December:

School Christmas lunch - Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

End of term Christmas Church Service- Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

If you have any questions or you would like to discuss anything with me, please don't hesitate to contact me via homework diary, catch me in the playground or phone the office to arrange a suitable time.

Mrs Ferrero

