P4 Newsletter April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all managed to enjoy some time off over Easter and made the most of the good weather. I can’t quite believe we are at this time of year already!

Our topic this term will be a continuation of Scotland as we are in the middle of planning a holiday for some Australian visitors. I’m sure your child told you that the class received a letter requesting some help from Mr and Mrs Jones from Queensland and that we are traveling around Scotland (in the classroom) investigating the landscape, wildlife, history and activities available for the visitors. They have been learning many different skills through this topic and look forward to building on these further.

The class will also be studying The Body, including healthy minds and bodies, ways to stay healthy and how the body works. The children will develop skills in research, presentation, food preparation, disease prevention and the role senses play in different areas of everyday life.

Multiplication, division, fractions and the connections between mathematical concepts will be the main focus of Numeracy this term alongside the effectiveness of estimation to check solutions. The children will also be learning more about using different units of measurement accurately, identifying and measuring angles in both 2 and 3D shape and using these skills in design and engineering tasks.

In Literacy, the focus will be on giving opinions, the difference between fact and opinion and identifying methods used in different texts to persuade and influence choices and decisions. The class will also continue to visit Portlethen Library and encouraged to choose to borrow different genre of book to enjoy. Please continue to encourage your child to complete the First Minister’s Reading Challenge.

Some weeks there may be Talk homework issued. This means a topic or subject to discuss together which will often be used to develop ideas for writing of for classroom discussions. There is no need to write anything down as it is just for talking about.

Reading will be taught on either a Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday. Spelling will be taught and words issued on Tuesday this term with any other homework to be handed in the following Monday.

Days to remember

Wednesday – PE (all children require PE kit)

 School library (fortnightly)

Thursday – Science (Mrs Middleton)

 Art (Miss Thompson, fortnightly) all children require an art apron

Friday – PE (all children require PE kit)

 French (Miss Ruxton)

 Golden Time (children are welcome to bring a game or activity to share with others – no screens please)

Dates for your diary.

Mon 1st May-Bank Holiday-School closed to pupils and staff

Fri 5th May - Pupil Reports issued to parents

Wed 17th May - Parent Consultations & Book Fayre 6-8:30pm

Thu 18th May - Parent Consultations & Book Fayre 3:45-6:15pm

Fri 19th May– Dress as you please day- bring some chocolate

Fri 2nd June -10:30am Primary 1 to Primary 7 whole School Sports Event Bourtree Park & Lunchtime Family Picnic Fishermoss School grounds-weather permitting

Fri 9th June - Primary 1 to Primary 7 whole School Sports Event 10:30am Bourtree Park-if wet on 2nd

Fri 30th June –Last day of term

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please see me at the end of the day, write a note or telephone to make an appointment.

Mrs F McRae