P4 Newsletter January 2017

Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Primary 4 have arrived back after the holidays full of enthusiasm and ready for the busy term ahead!

We will be starting the term by writing and producing our class assembly to be ready for the 6th February. Please come along to school to see the performance at 2:45pm. The children will be looking forward to sharing their learning.

Literacy

P4 will be continuing with the spelling programme, choosing their spelling words based on the spelling sound that week. This will be coming home on Monday for activities to be handed in the following Monday. A set of activities will be sent home for the children to use to make learning the spelling sound more interesting. Please continue to support your child’s learning in this way and be looking out for other words with the same sound that you come across during the week. Reading will be taught either on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Friday this term with any book detective tasks applicable.

There will be a focus on listening and talking through philosophy discussion and debate and individual talks will also be organised. The children will be given some time at home to prepare a talk for the class (more information will be sent nearer the time).

Numeracy

This term P4 will be focusing on developing multiplication and division skills and extending the use of them through problem solving and real life scenarios. They will also be learning about shape, measurement with a focus on length and both digital and analogue time. These skills will be transferred to real life scenarios throughout other aspects of the curriculum. Please continue to practice tables and number bonds at home.

Topic

P4 will be studying ‘Scotland’ this term. There will be a focus on landscape, land use and habitats with many more aspects of life in Scotland included (food, dancing, animals, language etc). The children will have an opportunity to discuss what they would like to learn about so please discuss this with your child prior and encourage them to bring some suggestions.

Homework

Homework (apart from reading) will continue to be issued on Mondays to be completed and handed in the following Monday.

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.

**Days to remember**

Wednesday – PE (all require PE kit)

 Thursday – PE – football programme delivered by Red Start (fortnightly for 3 weeks)

 Art (fortnightly, all require an art apron)

 Science (Mrs Middleton)

 Friday – PE (PE kit required)

 French (Mrs Ruxton)

**Dates for your diary**

Mon 6th Feb – Class Assembly, 2:45pm

Thu 9th, Fri 10th & Mon 13th Feb Mid Term Holiday-School closed to pupils and staff.

Tues 14th & Wed 15th Feb -Staff In-Service Days-School closed to pupils

Fri 24th Feb- School Photographer- class photographs

Fri 24th March– Red Nose Day ‘Dress as you Please’ & Foodbank Collection

Fri 31st March - Last day of Term April

Mon 3rd - Mon 17th April - Easter Holidays-School closed to pupils

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