P4 Newsletter January 2018

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 Monday the 5th of February. Please come along to school to see the performance starting at 2:45pm. The children will be looking forward to sharing their learning.**

Literacy

P4 will be continuing with the Jolly Phonics spelling programme. From now on, instead of ten set words being sent each week home the children will be choosing their spelling words based on the spelling sound that week. These will be coming home on Monday. Children should continue to use the spelling activities handed in Term 1 to practise their spelling words at home. Reading will be taught either on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday this term with any book detective tasks applicable.

Children will continue to learn basic words and simple sentences in French.

Numeracy

This term we will continue applying our addition and subtraction skills to real life problem solving. The main focus in Numeracy will be multiplication and division. Children will be extending their knowledge and understanding of the times tables by developing the use of the 3 and 4 times tables with associated division and fractions. They will also be learning about both digital and analogue time (how to read quarter past and quarter to). Children will investigate and develop skills in estimating and measuring time in relation to daily activities. Please continue to practise tables and number bonds at home.

Topic

Until mid Term in February we will continue studying the Romans and getting ready for the assembly. After that, our topic will be "From the North East to Australia" where the children will have the chance to investigate the landscape, land use and habitats with many more aspects of life in Scotland included (food, dancing, animals, language etc) and compare them to the ones in Australia and maybe somewhere in between! The children will have an opportunity to discuss what they would like to learn about, so please discuss this with your child 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 or for classroom discussions. **There is no need to write anything down as it is just for talking about.**

* Practice times tables – Hit the Button (Top Marks)
* Set a budget, plan, shop for and cook a meal
* Log onto Sumdog and earn some points
* Go on a spelling sound hunt
* Use the dictionary when you are unsure of the meaning of a word.
* Log in Glow to look for extra activities to do
* Go for a walk – how many describing words can you use to talk about what you see, hear, touch and smell?
* Encourage your children to read any other books at home in order to complete the Reading Challenge Book and share it with the rest of the classroom.

**Please keep checking the class Glow page for photographs and other information about what the class have been doing.**

**Days to remember**

Tuesday – PE (developing ball skills with a focus on basketball)

Wednesday - Golden time - children are encouraged to bring a toy or activity to share with others (no screens or electronics please)

Thursday – PE (keeping fit by doing circuits)

Friday – French (Mrs Ruxton) and Show and Tell (no toys please)

**Dates for your diary**

Mon 5th Feb – Class Assembly, 2:45pm

Thu 8th, Fri 9th & Mon 12th February- Mid Term Holiday-School closed to pupils and staff.

Tues 13th & Wed 14th February-Staff In-Service Days-School closed to pupils

Fri 23rd February- School Photographer- sibling or individual photographs

Fri 23rd March– Sports Relief Day ‘Dress as you Please & Food Bank Collection

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

Mrs Ferrero