

P4 Newsletter

October 2016

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of another term - a busy and exciting one. I trust you all managed to make the most of the break and enjoyed some autumn sunshine.

Topic

This term P4 will be continuing our 'The Vikings in Scotland' topic and will be building on skills in research, design, food and cooking skills, presentation skills and other curricular areas. The children have shown a real interest and enthusiasm for the historical topic and we will continue to learn more and compare our lives with how the Vikings lived.

Literacy.

We will also be continuing to use a variety of approaches to learn about different aspects of literacy. Spelling will be chosen and written out by the children on Monday. The focus is on the spelling pattern and the correct use of that pattern throughout all activities during the week. On Monday morning the children have the opportunity to participate in 'Show and Tell'. They are welcome to bring in an object of interest to show to the class and share some information about.

Numeracy

In P4 children will be working with subtraction within 100. We will be exploring different strategies to help the children develop their skills in subtraction. We will also be using addition and subtraction skills when working with money. The children will be identifying and using different strategies in a variety of activities and in problem solving with a focus on explaining and sharing their methods. This is following the Curriculum for Excellence guidelines supported by SHM.

Health and Wellbeing

The focus in Health and Wellbeing this term will be working together. A main focus will be recognising and using the skills and strengths that they and their peers have to offer in different situations.

Golden Time

Golden Time on Friday is a reward for keeping the Golden Rules but is also a time for social learning - an opportunity to try new games, spend time with other classes and share with peers. Children can bring in a toy or game to share during Golden Time. There is also an opportunity for children to 'sign up' for different activities in other classrooms. However, as this is a time for social interaction and communication, no electronic devices/screens please.

Homework

Your child will be reading on Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Tuesday and Friday. There will be regular Book Detective homework issued with reading and this needs to be completed for the next reading day. Spelling word lists will be compiled by the children on a Monday and sent home. Please choose an activity from the spelling activity suggestions to make learning the spelling pattern more interesting. Regular practice with the sound/spelling pattern of the week will support your child's learning. Numeracy homework will be issued on Monday to be returned the following Monday.

This term:

Monday - Show and Tell

Assembly

Tuesday - PE (fortnightly with Mr Waz)

Wednesday - PE (fortnightly)

Art (Mrs Morrison)

Library (fortnightly)

Thursday - Science (Mrs Middleton)

Friday - PE

Golden Time

Dates for your diary:

October

Thu 27 th - PSA Halloween Discos

Fri 28th - Night at the Movies

November

Wed 2nd - Flu Immunisations

Wed 2nd 6-8:30pm & Thu 3rd 3:45-6:15pm Parent/Teacher Consultations & Book Fayre-details to follow

Fri 18th -Children in Need Dress as You Please Day & fundraising class stalls

Friday 25th - PSA School Christmas Fayre 6:30-8:30pm

December

Tue 13th -Primary 1 to Primary 7 Fishermoss School Christmas outing to Cinema-details to follow

Wed 14th -School Christmas Lunch-details to follow

Mon 19th- End of term Christmas Church Service 9:30am-Portlethen Parish Church Wed 21st -Last day of term

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 at the door or phone the office to arrange a suitable time.

Mrs F McRae