**P4 Term 1 Newsletter**

Welcome back to school and to P4. I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for the beginning of another busy school year. Here is some information you will hopefully find useful.

Please could you make sure that your child has the following items in school every day:

- Indoor shoes

- PE kit (black shorts and a white top)

- Water bottle

- Homework diary

- A painting apron or old T-shirt

In order to have a very successful year, the children have come up with a class charter to make the classroom a better place to be and learn. These are the rules the P4 children have come up with and agreed:

* We put our hand up before speaking
* We don’t run around the class
* We keep the class tidy
* We don’t waste resources
* We don’t make fun of people
* We are always polite
* We don’t tell tales
* We respect everybody
* We sit smartly
* We work hard

Literacy

We will be using Jolly Grammar to further develop spelling, comprehension and grammar skills to support reading and writing. We will be also using some of the "Big Writing" approaches to encourage children to learn and to reinforce new vocabulary, punctuation, openers and connectives. Listening and talking will be supported through different activities such as Circle Time and our class novel "The Twits". Literacy achievements will be celebrated regularly with Star Writers certificates.

Numeracy

In P4 children will be working with addition up to 100. We will be exploring different strategies to help the children develop their skills in addition. We will also be consolidating knowledge and understanding of coin and note values up to £10 and recording money.

The PSA has kindly paid for the subscription of "Sumdog". This maths website is a personalised, fun way to support maths, so please do encourage your child to go on it regularly. Their usernames and passwords are already in their homework diaries.

Topic

Our topic for the next two terms will be The Romans. The children will have the opportunity to share with me and the class what they know about The Romans and also discuss what they would like to learn and how, incorporating a variety of curricular areas. The children will have the opportunity to develop skills for life and work, alongside knowledge and understanding. If your child has something they would like to bring to School in relation to the topic, please encourage them to do so.

P4 will also be responsible for organising the Shoebox Appeal this year.

Golden Time

Golden Time will be on Wednesdays. This is a reward for keeping the Golden Rules and is also a time for social learning, an opportunity to try new games, to spend time with other classes and to share with peers. Children can bring in a toy or game to share during Golden Time. However, as this is a time for social interaction and communication, no electronic devices/screens please.

Homework

New spelling words/sound patterns will be given to the children every Monday. There is no formal spelling tests as such, however the challenge will be for the children to use their spelling correctly throughout all activities every day. Therefore it is an ongoing assessment. A list with a variety of spelling activities/ideas to practise spelling at home will be sent with your child shortly. Regularly "Talk Homework" will be sent home on a Monday. This will normally be related to our extended writing lessons on Wednesdays and it gives your children the opportunity to converse with you about their work and allows them 'thinking time' to consider what they need to write about that week. I would greatly appreciate if you could engage in this activity with your children, as it really helps their confidence in writing. Reading will be on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will be followed up with reading to be completed at home. Any other relevant homework such as maths, grammar, book detective, etc... will be sent on a Monday and should be completed and returned on/by the following Monday.

PSA

This year, Mrs Taylor will be working alongside and supporting P4.

This term:

Monday - Assembly

Tuesday – PE (general fitness)

Wednesday - Golden Time

Art

Library (fortnightly)

Thursday - Science (electricity)

PE (rackets and balls)

Friday – ICT

French (Mrs Ruxton)

Dates for your diary:

- Parent Consultations: Wednesday 27th September: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Thursday 28th September: 3:45pm- 6:15pm

- Last day of term: Friday 13th October

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

Best regards

Mrs Ferrero