**Primary 5/6**

**April 2017**

Dear Parents,

This year seems to have flown past and unbelievably we are now into our final term of the school year! I hope you all managed to have some time off in the holidays and enjoy the mild weather we had. The children were all very keen to share their holiday adventures with the class when they returned to school.

This term we will finish our topic on Europe before moving on to explore space as our next topic. This will provide us with a wide variety of cross-curricular opportunities as we undertake our learning journey. Throughout the year it has been great that children have been willing to share their stories and knowledge of topics with the class and your continued support, through discussions and researching at home is always appreciated. As always children are welcome to bring any topic related items into school to share with the class.

Our specialists this term are:

Thursday Science Mrs Middleton

Friday French Ms Ruxton

The children will also have PE every Monday and Wednesday. Weather permitting, it would be great to get the children outside as much as possible this term for PE so they may wish to bring a tracksuit or jumper for PE sessions.

We are also fortunate to be receiving some club golf sessions this term on 24th April, 8th May, 15th May and 22nd May.

Reading this term will continue to be taught on a Monday and Thursday for the red and blue groups and Tuesday and Friday for the green group. Spelling homework will also continue to be given out on a Monday to be prepared and returned every Friday.

In maths this term we will focus on expressions and equations, measurement and angles. In addition to this we will continue to keep the plates spinning with revision of the topics covered in previous terms. Throughout the term we will also continue to develop our mental math strategies and problem solving skills. Children will also continue to practise their times tables to help them increase their speed and accuracy. As always the support that children receive at home with this is always appreciated.

This term we will focus on living and growing as part of our health and wellbeing activities. Permission slips will be issued in due course for both P5 and P6.

Dates for your diary:

Parent Consultations Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May

Dress as you please Friday 19th May (Please bring a chocolate donation)

Sports Day Friday 2rd June at 10.30am – Lets keep our fingers crossed for a dry day!

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting with you again at parent’s night. As always if there are ever any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch using the school diary or by contacting the school office.

Kind Regards,

Mrs McDonald