Primary 3 Fishermoss August 2016

Dear Parents,

I trust you have all had a lovely break over the summer. As a class, we’ve enjoyed hearing and reading about everyone’s trips and activities and the children are now settling into school routines and learning.

In order to support learning and to maintain a positive ethos in school, we have discussed The Golden Rules. Please refer to these at the front of your child's Homework Diary and sign the appropriate section after discussing the rules with your child. With these rules in mind, and to promote a positive atmosphere in class, the children have themselves compiled a more specific list of class rules which will follow as an attachment to this letter in the coming week. Your support in reinforcing these would be much appreciated.

Literacy

We will be using Jolly Grammar to support spelling and writing. We will also be using aspects of the "Big Writing" approach. Children will be learning more about VCOP (vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation) to develop writing skills. In conjunction with reading homework, reading comprehension will be taught through different means including close reading passages. Reading will be taught on alternative days of the week, including book detective activities, as recorded in homework diaries. Your support in hearing your child reading and book discussion is invaluable.

Numeracy

In maths, our continuing focus will be consolidation of number bonds to 20. The concept of multiplication and division (grouping objects into sets) will be introduced and supported by practical activities. Our focus in money handling skills will be coin recognition. Any opportunities for children to handle money when shopping will be beneficial.

Topic

Our topic for the first two terms will be houses and homes. This will give us the opportunity to get out and about in the local area, exploring modern housing and homes from the past.

 Homework

Alongside reading homework, a maths based activity will generally be given out weekly on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday. From time to time children may be given a topic related activity complete also. Spelling will be handed out on a Monday and assessed on a Friday. Please encourage your children to practise the sound, pattern or rule and the spelling using any of the activities listed in their jotter.

Golden Time

On a Friday afternoon children can bring in a toy or a game to play with. In order to help children socialise in their new class I would discourage electronic devices.

PSA

Mrs Dixon and Mrs Ritchie will be working along with us as our PSAs.

Term 1:

PE - Monday and Thursday -please remember indoor shoes and gym kit.

Art - Thursday (Miss Thomson) – please bring in tunic or old t-shirt/shirt

Science - Thursday (Mrs Middleton)

Library- P3 Friday weekly (please remember to return your library book)

Dates for your diary:

Curricular Evening/meet the teacher - Tuesday 20th September

 6-7pm

Last day of term - Friday 7th October

Parent/Teacher consultation Wednesday 2nd 6-8:30pm and Thursday 3rd November 3:45-6:15pm

If you have any queries or you would like to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to contact me via homework diary or catch me in the playground.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Muir