**Primary 5/6**

**January 2017**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2017.

We have already had a busy start to the term with preparations for our assembly. The children are looking forward to sharing their learning from our Titanic topic with you on Monday 16th January and they have all worked extremely hard putting together scripts and learning songs.

This term our topic will be Europe which will provide the children with a range of learning opportunities.

Our specialists this term are:

Thursday Science Mrs Middleton

Friday French Mrs Ruxton

The children will also have PE on both a Monday and a Tuesday. Your help in reminding children to bring their PE kits on these days is appreciated.

We are also fortunate this term to have Aberdeen FC Community Trust coming to school to deliver their Red start programme. This will be delivered over three sessions (Thursday 19th January, Thursday 2nd February and Thursday 16th February).

Primary 5 are also lucky to be receiving swimming lessons, at Portlethen swimming pool, alongside Mrs Fererro’s P4’s. These sessions will take place weekly, on a Tuesday afternoon, from 25th January until 8th March. Further information will be shortly.

In maths this term P6 will begin with a focus on properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects, fractions, decimals and percentages and adding and subtracting decimals. P5’s will also focus on properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects and fractions, decimals and percentages. In addition to this we will continue to keep the plates spinning with revision of the topics covered in terms 1 and 2. Throughout the term we will also continue to develop our mental math strategies and problem solving skills.

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. If you feel your child needs to do more in terms of homework, they could be encouraged to do topic research, practice times tables or keep up to date with current affairs by watching Newsround reports or reading the newspaper. They also have access to Sumdog, an online resource which encourages practice on a variety of mental math activities.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at our assembly on Monday 16th January.

Kind Regards,

Mrs J McDonald