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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and had lots of opportunities to spend time together. We are already well into the routines of Primary 6/7 and hopefully this letter will help you to know when home activities are due and other class information. Our first lesson was to decide on our class rules. These are listed below and were chosen by the pupils. These rules will work alongside the Golden Rules and are designed for the optimum learning of every pupil. Should a child consistently break the rules, a warning will be given and then Golden Time will start to be lost. They are: -

1 Don’t talk when other people are talking.

2 Put your hand up when you want to say something.

3 Be polite don’t just say no.

4 Be responsible – no messing when going through school or in class.

5 Always keep tables and the classroom tidy.

6 Be willing to help others both in and out of class.

7 No bad language.

8 Respect everyone and their property.

9 Be honest always.

10 Have fun.

Our reading will be taught twice a week, either on Monday/ Thursday or Tuesday/Friday and will always be accompanied by a book detective task. The book detective tasks can be found at the start of the class diary if you are unsure what is required. Spelling for the primary six pupils will be given out on a Monday for the next Monday. Primary sevens will also get spelling that day but they will work on their words in class. Other homework will also be given out on Monday for the following Monday. Children are responsible for making sure homework is completed and handed in on time but I would appreciate if you would encourage them to do so. It is difficult to please everyone when it comes to the amount of homework set, however children can always benefit from revising times tables, trying to beat the clock at how fast they can answer a set times table. They could research aspects of their class topic, do an extra book detective activity, take an interest in current affairs through watching the news or reading the paper or put their maths skills to the test and try some cooking or baking.

For our project this term we are reading The Desperate Journey, which is one family’s journey from the Highlands of Scotland to Canada during the time of the Highland Clearances. This topic will be the catalyst for researching the history of this time, the geography of their journey, a look at the Scots language, cooking skills as we recreate some of their food, team work as we work together to investigate aspects of our topic as well as being the stimulus for our language, art and drama.

This term we will have science with Mrs Middleton on a Tuesday. She will be looking at plant life in Scotland and the scientific processes involved in their growth and development. Miss Ruxton will teach French to our class on a Friday and we will also use some French in class with our daily routines.

PE this term will be on Monday and Thursday mornings. We will be looking at Basketball skills on Thursdays and on Monday, P7’s will be leading the lesson with games they are teaching us in preparation for their playleader qualification. This qualification will allow them to take groups of younger children and teach them playground games, passing on their skills and giving them responsibility. All pupils will need shorts and shoes on those days.

Our maths this term will have a major focus on knowing our times tables. This will involve games that I’m sure your children could play with you at home! P7 pupils will be applying their knowledge to place value and addition within 100 000s. P6 pupils will be focussing on the sequencing of numbers and addition within 10000.

Our written work will link largely to our topic but we will also focus on aspects of punctuation. For P6 we will be beginning to look at direct speech, similes and metaphors. For P7 we will be learning about the apostrophe and revising direct speech, similes and metaphors.

Please encourage your child to always have indoor shoes, a sharp pencil and a rubber.

I look forward to meeting you all at our Parent’s evenings on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September where we can discuss how your child has settled into P6/7. Of course if you wish to contact me at any time please pop a note in the home/ school diary or call the school office and I will get back to you at the earliest convenience.

Kind Regards

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