26th August 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our new school session 2016-2017, and to Primary Two! It is lovely to see the children so well-rested and enthusiastic, demonstrating their ‘readiness’ for the new term. Rebecca Ogg is new to Fishermoss, and P2 are making her feel very welcome. The children are settling well, re-familiarising themselves with the daily routines and classroom rules. A focus over the past weeks has been on expectations and the Golden Rules. Please ensure you have read and discussed these with your child, using page 1 in the Homework Diary, and that it is signed.

Please ensure that your child has everything that he/she should need in school every day. This includes the Green Folder, reading book and Homework Diary. Children are allowed to access the water fountain throughout the day, however, should you wish to supply a water bottle, this should come to school full, daily, and go home every afternoon for cleaning and refilling. Each child should also have a pencil case with three sharp pencils, an eraser and some colouring pencils. Sharpeners are not required as sharpening should be done at home. Please make sure that all school clothing is named and that a PE kit is provided (shorts and plain white t-shirt/airtex shirt). Could you please also check that your child knows what he/she is having, or doing, for lunch.

This term we have:

Monday Assembly

Wednesday PE

Thursday Art with Ms Thompson

Friday Science with Mrs Middleton, Library, Golden Time and Hall time

Maths in Primary Two

We shall be investigating numbers to 20 and the months of the year, money work which is mainly coin exchange and values, furthering our abilities with addition. Please continue to practise the number bonds to 10, at home – e.g. 2+8, 7+3 and 10-4, 10-9 and etc.

Language in Primary Two

All children will have reading every second day, and please continue to practise key words daily. Spelling lists will be issued on a Monday and children should practise these throughout the week at home. We shall also practise spelling and undertake activities in class daily which should aid our writing skills and help to extend our vocabulary. The children’s use of the spelling words will be continually assessed in all tasks and activities throughout their writing and, so, there will not be a formal “spelling test”. Each Monday, a new list for daily practice at home, will be issued.

Topic

Throughout the year, we shall be looking at changing seasons, studying the weather and living things in and around our gardens. We shall also learn about Scotland, the islands and some Scottish Castles extending into further work around our local community. This term, our focus is Scotland with Hamish McHaggis, our class “bear”. Hamish is looking forward to coming home with each child, for a short period and hopes his adventures will be written about with each and, maybe, some photos too – a sample notebook is enclosed in Hamish’ bag.

Homework

Linked tasks to our topic, language and maths will be issued as appropriate. Spelling will come home every Monday, as should any Maths activities, language or topic work. Reading should be practised daily, as should spelling, with guidelines and key words issued as appropriate.

Dates for your Diary

* ALEC caravan for some Health input will be with us 13th-16th September, further details to follow
* Whole School Curriculum Night – 6-7pm 20th September
* Parent Consultation Evenings – Wednesday 2nd November6-8pm and Thursday 3rd November

 3.45-6.15pm

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch, either through the Homework Diary, telephone call or by “catching me” in the playground.

Thank you for your support,

Shona Bloice