



5th January 2017

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the holidays are over and we are, already, five days into the new year! The children all seem to have had a fantastic Christmas break. I have heard lots of stories about a cheerful gentleman wearing red. Quite how he finds room for all of the cookies, brownies and mince pies I'll never know!!!!

This is another very busy term for us, with lots of work to be covered. As well as everything else, we have our Class Assembly to prepare for, on Monday 20th February, 2017. Our topic this term is "Night and Day" so this is our plan for the Assembly - I am looking forward to seeing what the children come up with!!

We shall continue our spelling and grammar work, and keep going with the excellent start made last term with "Big Writing", preparation for which will continue to be included within our homework - I truly believe that the children need prior thinking time about topics or themes to be able to write about them. Further to spelling, I am re-introducing Dictation which will take place most, if not all, Tuesdays, using the spelling words learned to date.

The children will continue to work within our reading scheme. The progress in reading with each child has been marked, increasing in fluency, expression and accuracy and we look towards this continuing.

We continue to work with addition and subtraction within 20, extending beyond as appropriate. We are working with number, within a hundred but discussing beyond to offer some prior knowledge making it easier and more natural to the children when we come to it.

We are lucky enough to have 2 dates booked with Aberdeen FC Community Trust to deliver the Red Start programme. These will be on Thursday 12th January and Thursday 26th January 2017. Please ensure your child has his/her outdoor PE kit on these days.

Weekly Timetable Term3

Monday pm - Assembly

Tuesday pm - PE with Mr Waz

Thursday am (fortnightly) - Art with Ms Thomson

Friday am - Science with Mrs Middleton

Friday pm - Paired Reading with P5

Golden Time

Please ensure a PE kit is available in school for the school week, coming in on a Monday and going home, for washing, on Friday. Please check that your child has a named pencil-case with sharp pencils, an eraser and colouring pencils.

We have mid-term break from Thursday 9th February to Monday 13th February (inclusive) and In-Service on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th, so the children return to school on Thursday 16th February 2017! We have Red Nose Dress as You Please for donations for foodbank on Friday 24th March, 2017 and school breaks up for Spring Holidays on Friday 31st March, 2017.

I hope this information is useful. As always, if you are unsure, or need to talk to me, please 'phone, make an appointment or pop a note into the homework diary.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy 2017!

Regards,

Shona Bloice