

Primary 7

Fishermoss School

August 2016

Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer despite the weather.

The children have settled back into the routine of school and are working hard. At the beginning of term we revisit the Golden Rules and the children help to make up their own class rules through discussion. The following are the rules the class agreed on –

Be respectful – no backchat

Be hardworking

No talking when the teacher is talking

Always listen carefully

Approach your work with a positive attitude

Don't distract others when they are working

Be determined to complete work on time

Respect people's property – ask before you take

No shouting out in class – put your hand up

If a child consistently breaks the class rules they will be given a warning and then start to lose Golden Time.

This term our specialists are – Mrs Middleton for Science on a Thursday and Miss Ruxton on a Friday for French. P.E. this term will be Bikeability and Playleader Training. Children will need to bring their bikes on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Could children make sure they have a jacket on those days and bring a plastic bag to cover their saddle in the event of inclement weather. The P.E. on a Friday will be taught by the pupils as they work towards their Young Leader's Award. This will allow them to take groups of younger children to teach them playground games, passing on their skills and teaching them responsibility. Children will need their P.E. kit for this lesson.

Reading will be taught twice a week and will usually be accompanied by a Book Detective Task. Other homework will be given out on a Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday. This will consist of a mix of maths, topic or language homework. Children are responsible for making sure homework is completed and handed in on time but I would appreciate if you could encourage them to do so. It is difficult to please everyone when it comes to amounts of set homework, but children can always benefit from revision of times tables, researching aspects of the topic and even taking an interest in current affairs through watching the news and reading the newspapers if you feel they haven't enough. If your child consistently fails to complete class work due to persistent chatting, work may be sent home to get completed to avoid them falling behind their group.

Our topic this term is The Highland Clearances and this will be used as the catalyst for our language, art, drama and life skills such as cooking, map reading and research.

In Maths this term our focus will be on consolidating times tables and applying them in division and fraction problems. We will also focus on the revision and progression of mental maths strategies.

Could you please make sure your child has indoor shoes with them as the carpets in school have recently been replaced.

I look forward to chatting to you at Meet the Teacher on Tuesday the 20th of September from 6pm to 7pm. There will be a chance for one to one interviews in November.

Kind Regards

Mrs L Dawson