P4 Newsletter August 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Fishermoss for another busy year. I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and it has been lovely to see the children all arriving happy and keen every morning.

The children have discussed the Golden Rules (please ensure you have read, discussed and signed the Golden Rules (which are in the Homework diary) with your child, the school motto ‘being the best we can be’ and have compiled a set of class rules. This is to enable everyone to ‘be the best they can be’.

* We work hard in P4.
* Work together and support each other to achieve.
* Don’t throw things in the class.
* Listen to the teacher.
* Keep the class tidy.
* No distractions.
* Don’t leave the classroom without asking.
* Be nice and kind to everybody.
* Don’t talk over others.
* Respect everyone’s property.

The children also need to be prepared for the day ahead so I would appreciate you make sure your child has the following with them every day.

- Indoor shoes

- PE kit (black shorts and a white top)

- Water bottle (if they wish)

- Homework diary and green homework folder

- A painting apron or old T-shirt

Literacy

In P4 we will being continuing to use Jolly grammar as the approach to learning about grammar and spelling and comprehension to support reading and writing. The spelling sound/pattern will be supported with a variety of activities throughout the week. We will also be using some of the ‘Big Writing’ approach to build on and reinforce vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. Literacy achievements will be celebrated regularly through ‘Star Writers’ and ‘Sentence of the Week’. On Monday morning the children have the opportunity to participate in ‘Show and Tell’. They are welcome to bring in an object of interest to show to the class and share some information about.

Numeracy

In P4 children will be working with addition up to 100. We will be exploring different strategies to help the children develop their skills in addition. We will also be consolidating knowledge and understanding of coin and note values up to £10 and recording money. This, again, is following the Curriculum for Excellence guidelines supported by SHM.

Topic

The topic this term will be ‘The Vikings in Scotland’. Children will have the opportunity to discuss what they would like to learn and how, incorporating a variety of curricular areas. There will also be a focus on the skills the children will be developing alongside knowledge and understanding. If your child as something they would like to bring in to contribute to the topic, please encourage them to do so.

Golden Time

Golden Time on Friday is a reward for keeping the Golden Rules but is also a time for social learning – an opportunity to try new games, spend time with other classes and share with peers. Children can bring in a toy or game to share during Golden Time. However, as this is a time for social interaction and communication, no electronic devices/screens please.

Homework

Your child will be reading on Wednesday and Friday or Monday and Thursday. There will be regular Book Detective homework issued with reading and this needs to be completed for the next reading day. Spelling word lists will be compiled by the children on a Monday and sent home. Regular practice with the sound/spelling pattern of the week will support your child’s learning. There will also be issued activities to be completed with the spelling words – this gives an alternative way to support learning the spelling sound. These activities should be handed in on Friday. There is no formal spelling test, however the challenge will be for the children to use their spelling correctly throughout all activities every day and assessment ongoing. Numeracy based homework will be taken home on Monday to be completed by the following Monday.

PSA

This year, Mrs Shepherd will be working alongside and supporting P4.

This term:

Monday - Science (Mrs Middleton)

 Show and Tell

 Assembly

Wednesday – PE

 Art (Mrs Morrison)

 Library (fortnightly)

Friday – PE

 Golden Time

Dates for your diary:

Curricular Evening/meet the teacher - Tuesday 20th September 6-7pm

Last day of term - Friday 7th October

Parent/Teacher consultation Wednesday 2nd 6-8:30pm and Thursday 3rd November 3:45-6:15pm

If you have any questions or you would like to discuss anything with me, please don't hesitate to contact me via homework diary, catch me at the door or phone the office to arrange a suitable time.

Mrs F McRae