Primary 7

 Fishermoss School

 August 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you have had a really enjoyable summer. We cannot believe that 6 weeks can pass so quickly. Your children are already back into the routines of school and all look very grown up in their black sweatshirts and polo shirts.

One of our first jobs in class was to decide on our rules. These are decided on by pupils and help with the smooth running of the classroom. These are listed below: -

1. Always ask to leave the class.
2. No talking when someone else is talking.
3. Don’t be late.
4. Be respectful to people’s property.
5. No swinging on chairs.
6. Always follow the golden rules.
7. No swearing.
8. Don’t be loud.
9. Look after others.
10. Have FUN.

If a child consistently breaks the class rules they will be given a warning and then start to lose Golden Time. Should they continue to break the rules we will be in touch with you.

We ask that all children have a pencil and rubber, that they all have indoor shoes and that they have PE kit with them.

PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday and children are expected to have PE clothes with them on those days. We are taking part in play leader training this term and then children will be able to lead the younger pupils in fun games in the playground. This will be our focus in PE.

Miss Ruxton will be teaching Spanish to P7 on Mondays and we will be using French within class in our daily routines and for some games.

Maths this term will very much focus on the four basic functions of maths which are addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and also on place value, writing numbers to one million and beyond if they like the challenge.

In Literacy we will be revising punctuation, up-levelling vocabulary and extending the length of pieces of writing. Some comprehension will be linked to topic.

Our topic this term is World War Two and will focus on many different aspects. We will look at Judaism and Anne Frank within our topic.

Reading will be taught twice a week and will usually be accompanied by a Book Detective Task. The reading groups will be taught on a Monday and Thursday or on a Tuesday and Friday. Other homework will be given out as and when required and the children will write on their homework when it is expected to be returned. 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 we 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.

The Making a Difference project will commence on Friday August 30th and will run for 3 weeks. Evelyn and Gordon will support pupils in 3 workshops. They are:

1. Understanding ourselves and how we impact others -working together.
2. Ways to deal with our worries – support from others.
3. Ways to deal with our worries – by ourselves.

Our Celebration books within class are for pupils to celebrate their learning and we encourage them to take these home to share with yourselves. We would ask that you encourage them to share out of school achievements with us and we will get them to enter these in their books.

Our sponsored walk will take place on Friday 27th September at 2pm, so we hope the sun shines.

We look forward to seeing you later this term at our Parent consultations. They are on from 6pm – 8.30pm on Wednesday October 2nd and Thursday 3rd October from 3.45pm – 6.15pm. Appointment times will be issued nearer the time.

Kind Regards

Mrs L Dawson /Mrs Y Sayer

 Extra Home Activity Ideas

* **Plan a lesson** to teach your classmates about one aspect of your current topic. You can use any resources that you would usually use in the classroom.
* **Spend time learning your times tables** that you feel less confident in.
* **Make up some tricky word maths problems for your friends to try**.
* **Visit the maths website below**.
* Step away from your phone and technology and get out to play
* .**Write an acrostic poem** about any subject to share with your class
* **Create a word search using topic vocabulary.** Use a dictionary and/or Thesaurus to helpyou find new words.
* **Take a photo of a scene** and bring to share with your class mates. Be prepared to talk about it.
* Play hangman or make a wordsearch using your spelling words.

**Possible websites to visit**

www.sumdog.com

