**Class Newsletter P6/7 Term 2**

I hope that all families had a restful October holiday, the children have been busy this first week back and are already starting preparations for our annual Children in Need extravaganza! More about that later in the newsletter.

Just a brief reminder that PE shorts should now be back in school and ready in trays for PE lessons. Could you also please check that your child has all the equipment they need for lessons, such as pencils, a rubber and a ruler. Water bottles should be taken home each night for a wash. Could all clothing, including hats and shoes be labelled as it does help when pupils are searching for belongings. Thank you.

**Weekly Schedule**

Monday- Spanish and Mental Maths with Ms Ruxton

Tuesday- PE

Wednesday- Drama/Science (with me) and Grammar with Mrs Rennie

Thursday- PE

Friday- Golden Time

**HWB**

We will be continuing our Bounce Back lessons focusing on values such as Honesty and Fairness this term, we will be sharing our learning in assembly next week so do ask your child what they have learned! Thank you to all families for helping with the research for the posters they created. In PE the P7s have been undergoing Play Leader training, teaching the P6s how to play traditional playground games. We will also be undertaking the annual dance lessons leading to our Christmas (am I allowed the use the word yet??) party so we can all enjoy some Scottish Dancing.

**Maths**

P6s are consolidating their study of addition and subtraction up to 4 (or more) digits. They will also be revisiting and extending their knowledge of multiplication and division. Alongside the P7s there will be lessons on multiples, primes and pattern. With Children in Need approaching we have started the Money Topic and hope to fit in some 2D and 3D shape work towards the end of term. P7s will continue their work on multiplying and dividing decimals, square numbers and multiples and factors. P7 will also be studying Money and Shape. As always, I would encourage the pupils to get onto Top Marks and Sumdog at home.

**Grammar and Spelling**

Spelling will continue to be taught on a Monday and yellow books should be taken home and brought back on Fridays when the children will review and consolidate their learning. Grammar will be taught alongside writing but also in weekly stand-alone lessons.

**French**

French will be taught in class time and we will focus on numbers to 50 (P6) and 69 (P7).

**Reading, Listening and Talking**

Reading will continue to be taught twice a week and children will be issued with reading books and book detective tasks. P6 reading will be on Monday and Wednesday and P7 on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child reads their book and completes the book detective task in their jotter. Please could they also bring in their own book for silent reading time to leave in their tray. We will be continuing our study of the Desperate Journey this term. We will be building on the note taking skills learnt last term and thinking more about organising information.

**Writing**

We will continue to experiment with openers and connectives in imaginative writing, building on the skills learnt last term. The pupils will also be working on more functional writing such as diary entries and reports where their note-taking and organising information skills will be tested!

**Topic and Events**

As the characters in our class novel move from Scotland to Canada, we will be focussing on mapping skills as well as thinking about what life was like for the Highlanders in a new country. We will be preparing as a class for our Children in Need stalls for the 15th November, thinking about how we can raise lots of money for children and families who are not as lucky as we are.

**Homework**

As mentioned, spelling homework will be issued weekly, the children will also have two book detective tasks per week and other homework will be issued as appropriate. Please do ask if clarification is required. Our class GLOW page is up and running and has links to useful websites.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 6th November–Pupil Show & Tell Curriculum Event 6-7pm

Fri 15th November-Children in Need Dress as You Please Day & fundraising class stalls

Tues 17th December -Primary 1 to 7 School Christmas outing to Cinema

Wed 18th December -School Christmas Lunch

Thurs 19th December -End of term Christmas Church Service 9:30am-Portlethen Parish Church

Fri 20th December -Last day of term 2

As always if you have any queries or concerns please do contact me, either by writing a note in the diary or catch me at the door. You can also telephone the office to arrange a mutually agreeably time to talk face to face. I look forward to seeing you at our Curriculum Evening.

Catherine Middleton