**P4 Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable October break and are ready for another exciting and busy term ahead.

**Our Timetable**

The class will have:

Monday: **Assembly**

Wednesday: **Maths** and **Reading** withMrs Rennie

Thursdays: **P.E.** and **I.C.T.** Friday: **P.E.** with Mrs Muir and **Golden Time**

We will also have Mrs Robertson supporting the work we do in class.

**MCj04260540000[1]Library**

The class will visit the library every second **Tuesday.** The next three dates are as follows: **5th November, 3rd December and 17th December.**

Please ensure your child takes their library books back for their next visit**.**

**Homework & Reading**

Homework activities will cover a variety of curricular areas and reinforce learning that is taking place in class.

**Reading** will be issued twice a week, either on Monday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday. Alongside reading, your child will be given a Book Detective task to complete. This will be shown in your child’s Book Detective jotter / homework diary, please remind your child to bring this every day.

**Spelling** will be taught in class on a Monday and we will continue to focus on this spelling pattern throughout the week. The children will create their own list of spelling words relating to the spelling pattern which will be sent home on Monday for you and your child to practice.

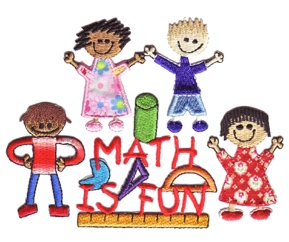
**Talk Homework** will be given out regularly, this is to inform learning in class. For example, creating ideas for writing and collecting information for topic related tasks. These are verbal tasks, and nothing is required to be written down. However, if you wish to create notes with your child then please do so.

**Maths** homework will also be handed out regularly. This will give you the opportunity to find out more about the strategies and techniques your child is using and learning in class.

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**Equipment**

It is great to see so many children returning with their P.E. kits this Term! I would like to take this opportunity to ask if you could please label water bottles, book bags, pack lunch boxes and clothing. Further, as the weather is more unpredictable and becoming much colder and wetter, please could you make sure your child had an appropriate outdoor coat. It is also a good idea to provide an apron or adult-sized t-shirt to protect uniforms during Art lessons.

**Numeracy**  
This term in Maths we will focus on:

* Developing and sharing mental strategies and formal methods for subtracting numbers up to at least three digits. *MNU 1-03a*
* Accurately using different units of measurement in written, practical and problem solving activities. MNU 1-11a
* Applying knowledge of addition and subtraction methods when working with money. MNU 1-09a

**Literacy**This term in Literacy we will:

Become more independent creating our own writing targets to improve our writing. We will use these along with our success criteria to edit and improve our writing.

* Identify and discuss the purpose, key words and main ideas of different texts, and use the information for specific purposes. LIT 1-04a
* Use punctuation, grammar and clues in the texts to read with understanding and fluency. ENG 1-12a
* Focus on creating descriptive texts including imaginative and recount pieces. ENG 1-30a
* Use our knowledge of spelling rules and resources to correctly spell common, tricky or unfamiliar words. Including, becoming more independent using a thesaurus and dictionary. LIT 1-21a

We will also continue to use Jolly Grammar to develop spelling and grammar skills to inform reading and writing.

**Topic:**

This term P4 will continue with their Europe topic. They will be expanding their knowledge of a historical and present Scotland through comparisons with other countries in Europe. They will also complete their research folders that they started last Term and will then present their learning to other classes.

We will also focus on our class novel, ‘The Christmasaurus’ as a mini topic. We will use this book to explore different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) outcomes and link to our Health and Wellbeing focus on kindness and emotions.

**Learning Celebration books:**

Children have the opportunity throughout the year to bring their Learning Celebration books home to share their learning and class achievements with you. Upon sharing this with your child, please sign and return to school.

**GLOW**

Please find further information and photographs from our learning on our GLOW page. Details including their passwords can be found at the back of their homework diaries.

**Dates for the diary:**

**November**

* **Wed 6th** – Pupil Show & Tell Curriculum Event 6-7pm
* **Thu 7th** - Rotary Shoe Box Appeal-last day to return boxes to school
* **Fri 15th** - Children in Need Dress as You Please Day & fundraising class stalls
* **Mon 18th & Tue 19th** - Staff In-Service Days-School closed to pupils & parents.
* **Friday 29th**- **PSC** School Christmas Fayre 6:30-8:30pm

**December**

* **Tue 3rd -Thu 5th** - Community Santa Run
* **Wed 4th** - Nursery Christmas Outing to The Lemon Tree - ‘Icehouse’-details to follow
* **Fri 6th** – **PSC** Cinema Night Portlethen Academy
* **Thu 12th** – Primary 1/2 Classes- Nativity to P1/2 Parents-2:30pm-details to follow
* **Mon 16th** – Nursery Christmas Get Together 11:15am/2:45pm
* **Tue 17th** - Primary 1 to 7 Fishermoss School Christmas outing to Cinema-details to follow
* **Wed 18th** -School Christmas Lunch-details to follow
* **Thu 19th** - End of term Christmas Church Service 9:30am-Portlethen Parish Church
* **Fri 20th** - Last day of term 2
* **Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan**- Christmas Holidays!
* **Mon 6th January 2020**-Term 3 begins!

If there is anything you would like to discuss, or information to share about your child, please feel free to contact me either by writing a note in your child’s homework diary, catching me in the playground at the end of the day or by contacting the school office.

**Miss Airlie**