Primary 6/7

 Fishermoss School

 August 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer, albeit different to what we are used to. We cannot believe that 5 weeks can pass so quickly. We were delighted to get back into school and hope that you are all pleased to be back too.

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. Ask to leave the class.
2. Don’t speak over the teacher or each other.
3. Pay attention.
4. Put your hand up to speak.
5. No swinging on chairs.
6. Listen to others.
7. Don’t interrupt.
8. Don’t be loud when others are working.
9. Don’t get out of your seat when not supposed to.
10. Don’t hang around cloakrooms.
11. Have FUN.

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

We ask that all children have their own stationery items, where possible. If we do provide a pencil, rubber etc they will keep them in their own tray to cut down on possible transmission.

PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday and children are expected to have PE clothes with them on those days. Our focus this term will be athletics and fielding games.

Miss Ruxton will be teaching Spanish to P6/7 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 and time. We have been doing some revision this week and will help us to plan as we head forwards.

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

Our topic this term is Victorians and will focus on many different aspects that the children have noted an interest in. We will be spending time looking at her links to our local area and the railway line that runs to Ballater as she had strong connections with both. Some talk and research homework will be given out in connection with 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. We are going to use Google Classroom for our homework setting as this will save on sheets of paper and photocopying. The children have all accepted invites to the class and log on and return as they have done before. Miss Mellis will be getting them all to check this shortly. Children are responsible for making sure homework is completed and returned but we would appreciate if you could encourage them to do so. Homework apart from reading will usually be for one week hence so that there is time in busy schedules to complete the task. It is difficult to please everyone when it comes to amounts of set homework, but children can always benefit from revision of times tables, telling the time by using a clock, 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 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.

Diaries have all been given to the children. Please remember to have the discussion with them around Golden Rules and get them to sign the appropriate part in the diary. Pupils also have little termly reports about effort and attitude which will be in their diary in October. We would appreciate that these be signed by yourselves so we know you have seen it. Thank you.

As always please contact us in the usual ways if you have any concern or queries.

We are really looking forward to a busy term getting to know your children.

Kind Regards

Mrs Yvonne Sayer/ Miss Shona Mellis

 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**. All children should know their log in.
* 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

