**P4/5 Term 2 Newsletter**

**Weekly timetable**

Monday – assembly

Tuesday – French & PE (Miss Ruxton)

Thursday - PE

Friday - Golden time

We have had a good first week back in P4/5 and it has been great to hear about how the children spent their October holidays.

**Homework**

Homework will take a slightly different format this term. All homework tasks should now be written in your child’s book detective jotter including practising their spelling words, a weekly book detective task and any other activities which are completed from the new activities grid (2 per week if possible). Homework jotters should be handed in on a Monday and they will then be checked over and handed back to the children. Reading groups will be heard on either a Monday and Thursdays or Tuesday and Fridays.

**Health and Wellbeing**

This term we will using the ‘Bounce Back programme’ to help us think about the core values of honesty, being fair, being responsible, being unique, . There will be opportunities for all pupils to work as part of a small group to carry out various tasks and activities. We will be continuing to recognise, discuss and manage our own feelings and emotions and reflect on how our these may affect others both inside and outside of the classroom.

**Literacy**

Spelling rules and sounds for both P4’s and P5’s and will be taught on a Monday and a list of words will be sent home for the children to practice during the week. These will also be reinforced in class.

P4; Will be continuing to develop their listening and talking skills during group/class activities. They will be learning about the features of an acrostic poem and other types of poetry. During writing tasks, they will be working on their handwriting and to make sure that they plan and organise their ideas to ensure they are in a logical order. They will also be reminded to answer in sentences where appropriate, use the correct punctuation and check that it makes sense before handing it in.

P5; will be continuing to listen to and value other people’s contributions and ideas during group/whole class discussions. During writing tasks, the focus will be on trying to include a range of punctuation, remember to answer in sentences where appropriate and to check that what they have written makes sense before handing it in.

Later in the term, all pupils will be expected to prepare and deliver a show and tell type talk to the rest of the class (details to follow).

**Numeracy**

P4; Will be continuing to use a range of different strategies and resources to help them add and subtract two and three-digit numbers.

P5; will also be continuing to use a range of different strategies ad resources to help them add and subtract three, four and five digit numbers.

Both groups will be learning about the properties of shapes this term with Mrs Rennie.

**Topic**

Our topic ‘Scotland’s fishing and farming industries’ will be continuing this term. We will be learning about the different types of fishing that is done in Scotland and the impact on the environment. We will also be thinking about what we can do to help the environment through resources linked to Cop-26 which takes place from the 1st-12th November.

As part of the school global warriors’ calendar, P4/5 have been given the opportunity to tidy and develop the courtyard. This will involve us weeding, painting and planting outdoors so if you would like your child to wear an apron or something over their school clothes then please make sure they have it in their bag,

**Important information**

· Please could all children wear their school jumpers, joggers/leggings and bring trainers with them on PE days.

· All pupils require the following items daily; their homework diaries, a filled water bottle, a pencil and a book they have chosen for silent reading.

If you have any questions, queries, or concerns about your child then please either write it into your child’s homework diary or contact the school office.

Miss Sangster and Mrs Rennie