**Term 3 Newsletter – January 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all managed to enjoy some time together during the Christmas break. It was lovely hearing all the stories about fleeting glimpses of the man in red, mischievous elves and the fun that they have all had during the festive break too. It is hard to believe that we are beginning our third term at Fishermoss, they do say time flies when you are having fun!

There are no significant changes to our timetable this term. However, here is a reminder just for reference.

Assembly Monday afternoon

P.E Sessions Tuesday and Friday

This term we will also be working with:

Friday French/Literacy/Outdoor Learning Mrs Muir

Miss Anderson will also continue to support us on a Wednesday morning along with Mrs Storey on a Wednesday afternoon, working with individuals and small groups of children to both support and extend learning when required.

It might be a bit optimistic, but we may still try and hold some of our PE sessions outdoors, therefore you may wish for your child to wear something appropriate for outdoor gym, especially on those colder days. In addition, we will also try to get the children outdoors most days. To accommodate for the ever-changing Scottish weather, please ensure that children have suitable clothing for their outdoor learning sessions.

**Topic**

For topic this term we will continue to build on our understanding of Seasons, looking at our current Season, Winter. In addition, we will also have a focus on birds, leading into the RSPB big bird watch, which will run util 21st February. Alongside learning about different birds, we will also learn about Living and Non-Living things, food chains, habitats and growth. We will also continue to look at festivals and celebrations during this term too. As Burns night is fast approaching, we will also be exploring Scottish poems, songs, stories and dances. A short Scottish verse will soon be sent home for children to try to learn.

**Literacy**

Each week, we will continue to introduce new sounds and revisit sounds previously covered. Phonics homework will continue to go home on a weekly basis. Please continue to spend time learning these sounds and encouraging your child to identify sounds that they hear or see while out and about, this will really help to develop their understanding.

The children will continue to work within our reading scheme and reading will be sent home regularly. Sets of new words to learn will be sent home to support your child’s learning as they progress through the scheme. If your child finds these words tricky to learn or remember, ask them to look for clues or familiar sounds, look at what sound the word begins with, the shape or length of the word. Try to have fun looking for the words in books, newspapers, posters, menus, shops signs etc. You could also play games like matching pairs, snap and bingo to help reinforce their learning. The children might also like to have a go at writing and copying the words using sand or mud, fancy pens, paint, chalk or shaving foam.

We will also continue with weekly writing sessions and a variety of other literacy activities to consolidate and build on their understanding.

**Numeracy**

This term we will begin to focus on addition within 10. We will also begin to look at time, money and data handling which will help us to record and display our findings during the RSPB birdwatch.

Please continue to ensure that all items brought into school are named, as they will be more likely to find their way home. It would also be appreciated if any borrowed clothing is returned to school for others to use. As always, if there are any issues or concerns then please contact us by writing in the homework diary or getting in touch through the school office. Thank you so much for your help and support, it is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy 2022.

Mrs McDonald and Miss Sang