**P4/5 Term 3 Newsletter**

**Weekly timetable**

Monday – assembly

Tuesday – PE & French (Miss Ruxton)

Wednesday – Expressive arts (Mrs Muir)

Thursday - Mrs Rennie in class & PE (Mrs Muir)

Friday - Golden time

Welcome back to Term 3 in P4/5. I hope you all had a nice time over the holidays.

**Reading and homework activities**

Reading will be issued twice a week, either on Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday. Alongside reading, your child will be given a Book Detective task to complete. A description of book detective tasks can be found near the front of your child’s homework diary. Details of the pages to be read and the book detective task will be written in homework diaries so please remind your child to bring these with them **daily**.

Spelling will be taught in class on a Monday and a list of spelling words relating to the spelling pattern will be copied into homework jotters for your child to practice at home (see google classroom for suggested activities).

As with last term, a grid of homework activities for the term can be found in your child’s homework jotter (Also added to google classroom). There may also be other homework tasks given throughout the term and details of these will be written in your child’s homework diary. Homework jotters should be handed in on a Monday and they will then be checked over and handed back to the children that day.

**Health and Wellbeing**

This term, in collaboration with Pam Cunningham from Aberdeen University we will all be taking part in a series of 5 virtual sessions that will help us to build our confidence and resilience.

We will continue to use the ‘Bounce Back programme’ to help us think about being friendly, self-respect, respecting others, and also how we can co-operate effectively with others. This term we will also be learning about ways that we can keep ourselves safe. 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. Both groups will also be working in collaboratively to develop their talking and listening skills

P4; will be learning how to use commas and speech marks appropriately and developing their dictionary skills. During writing tasks, they will be working on using the correct punctuation within sentences and how to take notes effectively.

P5; will also be developing their dictionary and thesaurus skills. During writing tasks, they will be learning how to paragraph their writing and developing their use of punctuation to make their writing more interesting.

**Numeracy**

P4; Will be revising the 2,5 and 10-times tables and developing their knowledge of the other times tables. They will also be working on multiplication and division and fractions.

P5; will also be revising the 2,3,4,5 and 10 times tables and developing their knowledge of the 7,8 and 9-times tables. They will also be working on multiplication and division and fractions.

Both groups will be learning about data analysis this term with Mrs Rennie on Thursdays.

**Topic**

Our topic for this term will be ‘Solids, liquids and gases’ where we will be learning about classification of each, the changing states of matter and also the water cycle.

P4/5 will also be learning about the importance of Fair-trade during Fairtrade fortnight (21st Feb-6th March).

In Term 3 and 4, P4/5 will be working hard as part of the global warriors’ calendar to develop the courtyard area within the school by planting, tidying, painting and making it an inviting space. We would welcome any items that you think might be useful and are getting rid of e.g. guttering, plant pots, leftover timber, paint, seeds, compost etc.

**Important information**

· Please could all children wear their school jumpers, joggers/leggings and bring trainers with them on PE days and also warm clothing as we will be doing PE outdoors as much as possible.

· 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