Term 4 – April 2022

**P1 Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

Unbelievably we are now into our final term of the school year, they do say ‘time flies when you’re having fun’. The children have made great progress during their first year with us at Fishermoss and we have really enjoyed sharing the beginning of their learning journey with them.

We have been working very hard since we returned from Easter break. This term we will be exploring the topic of Fairyland and I am sure you have all heard about the visit from the friendly dragon! The children are all very excited about our new topic and it will provide us with a variety of cross-curricular links during our learning journey. We will also continue to look at the topic of Seasons, with a focus on Spring and Summer which will involve lots of outdoor learning.

**Literacy**

We are currently learning our last few Jolly Phonic sounds and we will be revisiting the sounds already covered to ensure that the children have a firm understanding of single sounds. We are now using our sounds to sound out words in our reading and create new words. It would be beneficial for your child if you could play games at home to build their confidence in blending words together, such as cat, hat, mat, pin etc. We are also learning about beginning, middle and end sounds, it would be helpful if you could talk about this with your child to help them identify where the sound is in a word. Phonics homework will continue to be sent home to help consolidate learning.

The children will continue to work within our reading scheme and reading will be sent home twice per week. 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 it begins with, the shape or length of the word. Try to have fun looking for the words in books, newspapers, posters, menus, shop 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 at the words independently.

**Numeracy**

In maths we will be continuing with addition, begin to look at subtraction and learning to identify and sort coins. We will also be exploring data handling, measurement and 3D shape. Please take time to look for and discuss any 3D shapes that can be found in the environment or within cupboards at home. We have also been exploring o’clock times on both digital and analogue clocks, the children have been very eager to spot the time in class, it would also be great if you could encourage your child to identify what time it is using o’clock at home too. To encourage your child’s learning you could also have fun playing different number games at home using dice, cards or dominoes. They may even enjoy exploring small change you have at home, sorting them into different sets or counting the coins.

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 Bounce Back/French 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.

Weather permitting, we will still be taking the children outside as much as possible this term to participate in outdoor learning and physical activities, so please ensure they have a jacket and sensible footwear with them to cope with the Scottish weather.

Please continue to ensure that all items brought into school are named, as they will be more likely to find their way home. If your child comes home wearing items borrowed from school, it would be appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible as we only have a small amount of spare clothes in school. 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 for your continued support this year, it really makes a difference and has been appreciated.

Mrs McDonald