P6/7 Class Newsletter Term1

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be taking the class this year and we have already got our heads down and are working extremely hard. It has been lovely to hear the pupil’s holiday news and to hear that some time has been spent with friends and family. I hope this newsletter will give you an idea of what we will be learning this Term and give you some handy hints as to how best to support your child’s learning at home.

Your child should by now have all their belongings **labelled**, including lunchboxes and water bottles as it makes it so much easier to find the owner of lost items. Please can you ensure that your child has the following items every day

* A pencil case containing a sharp pencil, rubber, ruler, and some coloured pencils.
* An apron or over-sized shirt for Art and Science.
* A water bottle which should be FILLED AT HOME and TAKEN HOME each nigh
* A book to keep in their trays for rainy playtimes and silent reading.
* Homework diary, reading book and book detective jotter.

The children are RESPONSIBLE for making sure these items are in school and taken home as and when required. Please can you ensure that you have read, gone through and signed the Golden Rules in the front of the homework diary.

Mondays- PE (pupils can come to school dressed for PE)

Tuesday- Mental Maths and French with Ms Ruxton and assembly.

Thursday- PE in the afternoon (Athletics with Miss Mellis)

Friday- Art and Golden Time in the afternoon.

Please note that for Golden Time the children are allowed to bring in a toy or game to share with their friends, but **no screens or electronics** as we try to encourage socialising.

PE and Health and Wellbeing

We have started this term reminding ourselves about SHANARRI and the 8 indicators of wellbeing, we have completed some activities to allow us to bond together as a class and will be thinking about the rights of the child and how we can ensure that our learning environment helps us to feel safe, healthy, active, nurtured, respected, responsible, achieving and included.

Later in the term we will be having some lessons from Mackie Rugby leaders, these will be in our normal PE slots, but I will remind the pupils nearer the time to bring a change of clothes in case they get muddy! These lessons will take place on 22nd and 29th September then 6th and 13th October.

Numeracy

This term we will be focussing on **whole numbers starting with** **place value, estimation, and rounding**. P6 will focus on numbers up to 100 000 and P7 beyond 1 000 000. We will be working hard to make sure that we are confident using **addition and subtraction**, using different techniques as strategies. We will also be **handling data such as tables and graphs** which will link into our topic work.

Literacy

We will be starting with a block of **creative writing** focussing on **descriptive language, punctuation, spelling and developing characters.** Grammar will be taught along with writing but also as weekly lessons. We will also be looking at nonfiction texts as part of our topic work and working out how to find **reliable sources of information**. Spelling will be issued on a Monday and returned and checked in class on a Friday. Reading will be issued twice a week either **Monday/Wednesday** or **Tuesday/Thursday**. Pages to read and discuss as well as a Book Detective task will be issued- page 15 of the homework diary has details of all the tasks. Any other homework will generally be on Google classroom and may be maths, topic, or **Big Talk** homework where your child will be asked to discuss with you.

Topic

After a class discussion we have decided to study **Planet Earth** as our topic which will allow the children to investigate our planet’s **biology, geography, and place in the universe**. For the P7s it will be an opportunity to continue following the **James Webb Telescope** now that those wonderful images have been sent back. The class have asked to study such topics as the **Big Bang, Dinosaurs, Natural Disasters, Climate Change**, as well as studying the different lifestyles**, diets, and history of other countries** in detail. Our Topic will cover all areas of the curriculum and will allow the pupils to have some **personalisation and choice** across the lessons as we learn to use **ICT, information sources, work as groups and present our findings**

Class Rules

We have worked together to produce the following class rules. It would be appreciated if you could discuss these at home and make sure that your child understands what is expected in the classroom and playground.

1. We will listen to each other and not interrupt.
2. We will behave sensibly and not hurt each other’s feelings.
3. We will always try our best and not give up.
4. We will not distract each other, and we will respect each other’s space.
5. We will speak to each other kindly and with respect.
6. We will make sure that everybody is included.
7. We will take care of class resources.
8. We will raise our hand when we want to talk.
9. We will be tolerant and patient with each other.
10. We will not touch each other’s belongings without asking first.
11. We will have fun and enjoy our learning!

Learning Celebration Books

The children will from time to time bring this book home to highlight a piece of work of which they are particularly proud. Please sign the book and add a comment, the children can also add anything from outside school that they are proud of too!

Dates for your diary

Friday 14th October-Last day of Term 1

Monday 17th - Friday 28th October-October Holiday

**Parent Consultations will be Wed 5th Oct 6-8:30pm & Thu 6th Oct 3:45-6:15pm-option of face to face or telephone call. Further details to follow.**

If you wish to discuss anything, ask a question, or pass on information about your child please feel free to write a note in the diary, email the school or telephone to arrange a mutually agreeable time to talk.

With kind regards,

Catherine Middleton