**P4/5 Term 2 Newsletter – November 2022**

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome back to Term 2 in P4/5. It was great to meet so many of you during the parent consultation evenings last term. I hope you all had a lovely break during the holidays.*

**Weekly Timetable**

**Monday - French (Miss Ruxton)**

**Tuesday – Music (Miss Mellis)**

 **Assembly**

**Wednesday - PE**

**Friday - PE**

 **Golden time**

**Reminders/important information;**

* Pupils are encouraged to take a pencil, rubber and any stationery items they require to school as well as a water bottle, and a waterproof jacket with them every day.
* Pupils should bring their reading book, homework jotters and diary every day.
* This term we will have P.E on a Wednesday and Friday and this will take place outdoors whenever possible so please could you make sure your child has clothes that are appropriate for outdoor exercise.
* **Learning Celebrations Books:** Pupils have the opportunity throughout the year to bring home their Learning Celebration books to share and celebrate their learning and achievements with you. You are welcome to write a comment in their book then please return to school.

**Homework**

**Reading** - Reading groups will be heard on either Mondays and Thursdays or Tuesdays and Fridays and your child will also have a book detective task to accompany their reading**.**  All book detective tasks should be completed in homework jotters. A list of book detective tasks can be found near the front of your child’s diary.

**Spelling** – Spelling will be taught in class every Monday. The pupils will copy their spelling words into their homework jotters to practise at home throughout the week.

**Homework grid** – like last term, a homework grid will be issued and stuck into homework jotters. Pupils should aim to complete 1 or 2 of the activities per week. The grids include a range of different activities including some numeracy, literacy and health and wellbeing.

**Google classroom** -The weekly spelling words and any other homework tasks will also be added to our class Google classroom site (accessed via GLOW). A copy of the homework grid will also be on there.

**Health and Wellbeing**

Our focus this term will be working cooperatively in small groups. This will involve us listening to the ideas and opinions of others and working together to share and present to others in the class. We will also be following the ‘Bounceback’ programme. The pupils will also be continuing their excellent work for on the Shoe Box appeal by collecting, checking and making sure that all of the Rotary Shoe boxes are ready for collection.

**Literacy**

**P4** – Will be continuing to work on their fluency and exploring the role and impact of punctuation when reading. They will be working on using part of the question to answer in sentences and checking that what they have written makes sense and is punctuated correctly.

**P5 –** During writing tasks, the focus will be on trying to include a range of punctuation, adjectives and connectives to enhance their writing. They will be focusing on creating a plan before they write and always proof- reading their work to ensure that it makes sense.

**Both groups –**

* Will be continuing to use Jolly Grammar to develop spelling and grammar skills.
* Will be developing strategies to find information in texts during comprehension tasks and respond to different types of questions.
* Will be learning about and creating different types of poems.
* Continuing to link our class novel ‘The wild beyond by Piers Torday’ to literacy activities.

**Numeracy**

**P4** – Will be developing and sharing mental strategies and formal methods for subtracting three-digit numbers from at least 1000. They will be continuing to develop their knowledge of how to tackle word problems using known strategies.

**P5** – Will be developing and sharing mental strategies and formal methods for subtracting numbers beyond 1000. They will also be developing their confidence when solving two and three step word problems.

**Both Groups**

* Will be identifying and sorting money in order of value and practical experience of paying for and giving change.
* Will be exploring a range of both 2D and 3D shapes.

**Topic**

We will be continuing on with our topic from last term ‘Pollution and Conservation’ by taking part in a Techfest workshop and live lesson online. We will be exploring further how pollution affects wildlife and habitats and what can be done to tackle this.

**Dates for your diary:**

**November**

* Wednesday 9th: Rotary Shoebox Appeal – Last day to return boxes to school.
* Friday 11th: PSC Shopping Night (Details to follow).
* Wednesday 16th: Children in Need (Dress as You Please Day).
* Thursday 17th & Friday 18th: Staff In-Service Days (School closed to pupils & parents).
* Thursday 24th: PSC Meeting 7pm.
* Tuesday 29th, Wednesday30th Nov and Thursday 1st Dec: Community Santa Run!

**December** -

* Friday 2nd: PSC Christmas Fayre (Details to follow),
* Friday 16th: Primary 1 classes Nativity to P1 Parents 10am (Details to follow).
* Wednesday 21st: Primary 1 to 7 Christmas outing to the cinema (Details to follow).
* Thursday 22nd: End of Term Christmas Church Service 9.30am (Portlethen Parish Church).
* Thursday 22nd: School Christmas Lunch (Details to follow).
* Friday 23rd: Last day of term 2.

*As always, 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 and I will get back to you as soon as I can*.

*Kind regards*

*Miss Sangster*