**P4/5 Term 3 Newsletter**

**Weekly Timetable**

**Monday –** French with Miss Ruxton.

**Tuesday** – PE with Miss Mellis.

**Wednesday**- outdoor learning (weather permitting) Assembly

Thursday - Kodaly music (weeks 1-6)

**Friday** – PE

*Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a lovely time over the Festive period.*

**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 Tuesdays and Fridays and this will take place outdoors whenever possible so please could you make sure your child has clothes that are appropriate for outdoor exercise.  We are also hoping to do some outdoor learning on Wednesdays, weather permitting!
* **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 before a small spelling test on a Friday.
* **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.

**Maths**

In Maths this term, both groups will be working on multiplication and division, measurement, angles and data analysis.

P4 will be consolidating their knowledge of the 2,5 and 10 times tables and exploring the 3,4 and 6 times tables too. Through division, they will be exploring remainders. They will aslo be multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10 and 100 up to 1000.

P5 will be developing their knowledge of the 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables using their knowledge of the other tables to help them. They will be multiplying 2 digits by a single digit and dividing 3 digit numbers by a single digit with and without remainders.

**Literacy**

Both groups will be continuing to learn their spelling rules on a Monday and should revise these throughout the week. All pupils will prepare a short talk (no longer than 2 mins) that they will deliver to the class on a subject of their choosing (more details to follow). Both groups will be continuing to develop their skills in writing across different genre.

P4 will be revising how to use different punctuation in their writing and making sure that they form their letters correctly. They will also be learning how to write in different tenses.

P5 will be focusing on how to structure their writing into paragraphs and also how they can vary sentence structure to enhance their writing. They will also be continuing to use dictionaries and thesauruses to enhance and uplevel their writing.

**HWB**

We will be continuing to use the Bounceback resources to help us explore the different emotions we have and how we can express these appropriately to others. We will be working in our cooperative learning groups both inside and outside of the classroom to complete a range of different tasks and activities. We will also be learning about the different ways that we can keep our bodies healthy

**Topic**

This term we will be covering a range of mini topics that all centre around Scotland.

* We will be starting the term by developing our mapping and atlas skills by looking at our local area, Scotland and the wider world. There will be opportunities to make our own maps and research the continents, Oceans and capital cities around the world.
* As it is Burns night at the end of January, we will be learning about the life and work of Robbie Burns and the Scots language.
* We will investigate some Scottish inventors and inventions.
* Electricity will be our science-based focus for this term.

**Dates for your diary**

* Week beg Mon 23rd Jan- Interim Pupil Reports issued.
* Wed 8th - Mon 13th Feb- Mid Term Holiday-School closed to pupils and staff.
* Tues 14th & Wed 15th Feb -Staff In-Service Days-School closed to pupils.
* Fri 17th Feb – Comic Relief Red Nose Day ‘Dress as you Please.
* Wednesday 1st Feb – Curriculum show and tell parent event (4-6.30pm) details to follow.
* Wednesday 10th March. School Photographer - Sibling or individual Photographs.
* Week beginning Mon 27th March – Effort/Attitude/Behaviour comments homework diaries.
* Fri 31st March - Last day of Term 3.

*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*