**P6/7 Newsletter August 2023**

**Weekly timetable**

**Monday- PE**

**Tuesday – French/Spanish**

**Wednesday – PE & Assembly**

**Friday – Golden Time**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am really looking forward to teaching the class this year and it has been lovely getting to know all the pupils.

**Health and Wellbeing and PE**

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be spending time getting to know each other, reminding ourselves of the school rules and routines. We will also be continuing with Rights Respecting School into our classroom and have worked together to create our own class charter which will be displayed in our classroom. These will be used alongside the School **Golden Rules**.:

* We are gentle.
* We are kind and helpful.
* We listen.
* We are honest.
* We work hard.
* We look after property.

There will also be a focus on the wellbeing indicators to ensure that all pupils are able to express their thoughts, ideas and feelings appropriately. We will also be taking part in two HWB workshops led by Evelyn Hart (the cluster Community Learning and Development Worker).

Our class novel this term will be ‘Wonder’ by R.J. Palacio which contains themes such as the importance of accepting others, regardless of their appearance or differences and will be discussing the main character Auggie’s experiences with bullying and the harmful effects and impact it can have.

In PE the pupils will be working on their fitness with me on Mondays and tennis/badminton with Miss Anderson on Wednesdays.

**Literacy**

Both groups will focus on imaginative writing this term. We will be working on adding more details and description to our writing. We will use our class novel as a stimulus for writing a variety of different texts. We will continue to work on developing the correct use of punctuation.

In Listening and talking, both groups will be focusing on being able to listen and respond respectfully to other people’s contributions and ideas during paired/ group and whole class discussions.

Spelling rules and sounds for both groups will be taught on a Wednesday and a list of words will be sent home in their homework jotters for the children to revise before a spelling test the following Tuesday. These will also be reinforced in class. Please try and practise these regularly at home too as repeating little and often is the most effective!

**Numeracy**

P7; Will be consolidating and developing their knowledge of place value, ordering and sequencing numbers to 1000000 and beyond. We will also be using our estimation and rounding skills to help check our answers. We will also be revisiting addition and subtraction before learning how to add and subtract to two decimal places. It would be helpful if all pupils could practise their times tables at home to increase their mental recall.

P6; Will be also be focussing on place value, estimation, rounding and ordering numbers with more than four digits. They will also be revisiting addition and subtraction before learning how to add and subtract with four and more digit numbers. It would be helpful if all pupils could practise their times tables at home to increase their mental recall.

Both groups will complete a block of work on ‘time’ including revising 12-and 24-hour notation.

**Topic**

The pupils have chosen the Titanic as our topic for terms 1 and 2. We will be using a range of different sources to find out all about life on board the Titanic and how it came to sink. We will be exploring the class system in place during the 20th century.

**Important information**

* Please could you discuss with your child and both sign the school Golden Rules which are located at the front of the homework diary.
* **Learning Celebration Books** are an important part of how the children can record their achievements which they are proud of. The children may choose to take them home at any time to share with you. Please take a minute to write a comment in their book and add any achievement out of school too.

**Dates for Diaries**

6.9.23 – P7 Abernethy meeting (6.30pm).

29.9.23 - School sponsored walk (pm).

4.10.23 & 5.10.23 – parent consultation meetings.

6.10.23 – PSC ‘Crazy Hair day’.

13.10.23 – Last day of Term 1

* **Homework**; reading groups will be heard on either a Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday and your child will always have a book detective task to accompany their reading**.** **Big Talk** and any other homework tasks will be issued regularly and will be linked to learning in class. A homework grid will be issued within the first few weeks of the term and pupils should try to complete at least 1 or 2 of these per week. Other Homework tasks may also be issued throughout the term. Spelling words and homework grid can be accessed on our class Google classroom site (accessed via GLOW).
* Please could all Pupils bring suitable clothing and footwear to change into or they can come to school in it on PE days if they wish. We will try and go outside as much as possible.
* All pupils require the following items daily; their homwowrk diaries, a water bottle amd a book for silent reading (although we do have an extensive collection in our class library.

*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 reply to you via phone or email as soon as I can.*

*Miss Sangster*