**P6/7 Term 2 Newsletter 2023**

**Weekly timetable**

**Monday- PE**

**Tuesday – French/Spanish**

**Wednesday – PE & Assembly**

**Friday – Golden Time**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 in P6/7.

**Health and Wellbeing and PE**

This term we will be continuing to use the Bounceback programme as a focus for our Health and Wellbeing lessons. The class will also take part in two HWB workshops led by Evelyn Hart (the cluster Community Learning and Development Worker based at the Academy) which were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances last term.

We will be continuing our class novel ‘Wonder’ by R.J. Palacio and using this as a stimulus for class discussions and activities.

In PE the focus will be working together as part of a team to play games before moving onto Scottish dancing. They will also be continuing their block of tennis/badminton with Miss Anderson on Wednesdays.

**Literacy**

The focus for both groups this term will be functional writing where we will be creating diary entries, letters and newspaper reports linked to our topic on The Titanic. We will be developing our use of adjectives, vocabulary, and punctuation to our writing. We will also be exploring different types of poetry and creating our own.

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 and the skills required to work cooperatively with others..

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 revisiting subtraction, multiplication and division with larger numbers as well as developing their knowledge of negative numbers and decimals. Please continue to practise times tables at home to increase mental recall.

P6; Will be working on subtraction, multiplication and division. Please continue to practise times tables at home to increase mental recall.

Both groups will complete a block of work on shape this Term.

**Topic**

We will be continuing our Titanic topic from Term 1 where we will be learning all about the class system and what life was like for all the passengers from 1st class to 3rd class. We will also be learning about the sinking of The Titanic, Alongside, this we will have Children in Need to plan for and then Christmas,

**Important information**

* **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**

* Friday 10th November - Rotary Shoe Box Appeal-last day to return boxes to school.
* Wednesday 15th November - Children in Need - Dress as You Please Day.
* Thursday 16th & Friday 17th November - Staff In-Service Days-School closed to pupils.
* Saturday 2nd December - PSC Christmas Fayre @ Fishermoss- details to follow.
* Tuesday 19th December - Primary 1 to 7 Christmas outing to the Cinema-details to follow.
* Wednesday 20th December - End of term Christmas Church Service 9:30am-Portlethen Parish Church. School Christmas Lunch-details to follow.
* Friday 22nd December - Last day of term 2

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* **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 contact the school office and I will reply to you via phone or email as soon as I can.*

*Miss Sangster*