**P6 Class Newsletter Term 2 Autumn 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2 promises to be as busy as Term 1, we may have only been back for a week, but we have already written the beginning of a space adventure and started our maths topics with relish. It has been wonderful to hear about all the adventures the pupils have had over their well-deserved Tattie Holidays- despite the challenges the weather presented. Last week we visited the library for a Space workshop and have written postcards that will blast off into space, return and come back to us.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you of the items your child should have with them daily- all labelled please.

* 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 night. Please note this bottle should only contain water, not juice.
* Their homework diary and any due reading homework.
* A book to keep in their trays for rainy playtimes and silent reading.

Our weekly schedule has not changed much but just to remind you,

Mondays- Languages and RME with Ms Ruxton

Tuesdays- PE with Mrs Storey

Wednesday- Science and Assembly

Thursday- PE

Friday- Art and Golden Time

PE and Health and Wellbeing

Mrs Storey will continue with a variety of sports on Tuesday including creating games, and I will be continuing circuits on a Thursday. The children have started to design their own circuit to teach the class. We will also have a block of Scottish Dancing towards the end of the year.

We will be continuing to learn about the importance of having a Growth Mindset and how to recognise and deal with difficult emotions. We will be using Bounce Back as our focus this term.

Numeracy

Multiplication will our focus initially, reminding ourselves about using times tables facts, multiplying up to 3 digits by 10 and 100 (and multiples thereof), multiplying up to 3 digits by a single digit and applying this to problem solving questions. It is important to remember that the children are taught and assessed in a variety of ways, and we also enjoy playing games, using Active Maths. We will also be consolidating our knowledge of money (coins and notes up to £20) and considering paying bills and budgeting.

Literacy

We will be continuing to write a variety of different pieces, often linked to our Topic. We will continue to consolidate our grammar and spelling as part of writing lessons. We have started with an initial focus on **openers and connectives**. We will also be producing a **scientific report** linked to our Climate Smarter project.

Spelling will continue to be issued on a Tuesday and returned and checked in class on a Friday. The children will have a personalised list of weekly spelling words and common words. Reading will also continue being issued twice a week either **Monday/Thursday OR Tuesday/Friday**. Your support in encouraging your child with reading at home is appreciated.

Topic

We have been extremely lucky to be chosen as one of the classes in Scotland to receive a Climate Smarter topic resource box. This will be our topic focus this term alongside Space. The project begins initially with a practical approach to **energy and electricity** before moving into **renewables, smart meters, and coding**.

Important Dates

Wednesday 15th November – Children in Need

Thursday 16th November – In-Service Day

Friday 17th November – In-Service Day

Tuesday 19th December – Trip to cinema

Wednesday 20th December – School Christmas Lunch

Friday 22nd December – Last day of term

As always please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions, you can email the school or write a note in the diary. In the last week of term Effort, Behaviour and Attitude reports will be issued- please discuss this with your child and add in your own comment.

Looking forward to another fantastic term!

With very kind regards,

Catherine Middleton