**P6/7 Term 3 Newsletter**

Happy New Year to you all and I hope everyone had a lovely time over the Festive Season.

**Weekly Timetable**

**Monday –**PE.

**Tuesday** – French/Spanish with Miss Ruxton.

Assembly

**Wednesday**- PE with Miss Anderson

We have already had a very busy first week back planning and preparing for our joint Robert Burns assembly with the P7 class. This will take place on **Tuesday 30th January at 2.45pm** and we hope you will be able to join us.

**Homework and reminders**

Reading will continue to be twice a week, either on a Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday and will be accompanied by a book detective task to be completed at home (explanations of the tasks can be found near the front of homework diaries).

Spelling sounds will be taught on a Friday and the pupils will copy the words into their homework jotters to be learned before a spelling test the following Wednesday. A copy of the spelling words can also be found on Google classroom.

For the first few weeks of term 3 pupils will be encouraged to learn lines, poems and songs for our class assembly as homework. Additional homework such as Maths and Big Talk will also be issued throughout the Term.

It would also be helpful if all pupils could revise and practise their times tables as this will help with multiplication and division of bigger numbers.

Learning Celebration books will be sent home this term for pupils to share and celebrate their learning with you. Please encourage your child to add any out of school achievements to their book.

**Please could all pupils bring their diaries, a water bottle, pencils etc and a waterproof jacket with them daily**.

**Maths**

Both groups will be working on ;

* Multiplication and division
* Fractions and decimals
* Percentages and negative numbers for P7’s
* learning about money including budgeting, the different ways we pay for things and they will be working out change from different amounts. We will also explore using money across real life contexts.

**Literacy**

This term we will be developing our imaginative pieces of writing by adding more details and descriptions, using a range of different sentence openers and writing in paragraphs. We will also be creating factual reports, persuasive texts and sets of instructions. Pupils will present a short talk to the rest of the class on a subject of their choosing (more details to follow shortly).

**HWB and PE**

In PE, the pupils will be doing basketball with Miss Anderson on Wednesdays and team games and sports with me on Mondays. The P6’s will also take part in Playleader training with the other P6 class. This training will equip the pupils to be playground leaders when in P7, helping younger children to play traditional games.

For our HWB, We will continue to use the Bounceback resources to help us learn about core values and working on our cooperative learning skills during group work. We will also be thinking about how we can keep ourselves and others safe and healthy.

**Topic**

Our Topic for the first part of the term will be Robert Burns for the P7’s and Scottish landmarks for the P6’s. We will then explore to Europe in preparation for the P6 Pupils who will have the opportunity to participate in the Euroquiz which is an inter-school competition allowing pupils to develop knowledge about the countries in Europe. We will also be working on our mapping skills and completing a study of another country (yet to be decided by the pupils).

*As always, if you have any questions, queries, or concerns about your child then please either phone or email the school office and I will get back to you as soon as I can*.

*Kind regards*

*Miss Sangster*

**Dates for your diary**

**Week beginning Monday 29th January**– Interim report and celebration books home this week

**Tuesday 30th January** - Robert Burns class assembly (2.45pm)

**Thursday 8th, Friday 9th & Monday 12th February** – Mid Term Holidays

**Tuesday 13th February & Wednesday 14th February** – In Service Days (staff only in school).

**Wednesday 21st February** - whole school Show and Tell Event (4.00-6.30pm)

**Friday 1st March** – Class Photo

**Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March** – Abernethy Week for the P7’s

**Friday 15th March** – Red Nose Day (Dress as You Please)

**Week beginning Monday 25th March** - Effort, Attitude and Behaviour report emailed this week

**Thursday 28th March** – Last day of term 3.