**Primary 6 Term 3 Newsletter**

I hope that all families had a lovely Christmas break it has been fantastic to hear all the holiday news.

This newsletter will give you an idea of the Learning and Teaching that will happen in our classroom this term and update you with any changes.

There have been some minor changes to our weekly timetable as detailed below. PE may be delivered outdoors as the weather (hopefully) improves, so on those days the children may wear their jogging/tracksuit bottoms if they wish.

***Monday- Languages/RME with Ms Ruxton***

***Tuesday- PE with me, Drama with Mrs Storey, Assembly in the afternoon.***

***Friday- Art with Mrs McRae (until March 1st) and Golden Time.***

**Reading and homework schedules** will remain as in Terms 1 and 2, with Maths homework issued as appropriate (either revision games, worksheets or online activities). For the next few weeks, I have asked pupils to revise and review their times tables to help with our division topic. Please can you also ensure your child has a pencil case with pencils, rubber, ruler and some colouring pencils (and a sharpener). Water bottles should be labelled and taken home daily, being filled at home rather than at school.

**Topic**

Our Topic this term is Japan, we will be focussing initially on the geography of this wonderful archipelago and then looking at the customs, traditions and history. As a class we have yet to decide what else we wish to discover but Sushi, Pokémon and Nintendo have been mentioned. As always, we will use our Topic as a focus in other curricular areas too. Pupils will also 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 learn about the geography of the continent in class, but pupils can also undertake self-study, links will appear on Google Classroom in due course.

**Maths**

We will initially focus on division, reviewing previous work on times tables and building up to dividing up to 4 digits with remainders and dividing numbers by multiples of 10 and 100. We will also be studying the mathematics of time, reviewing and consolidating telling the time, 12- and 24-hour clocks and working out time durations. Problem solving and mental maths will continue to be taught weekly.

**HWB and PE**

We will be thinking about how we keep ourselves healthy, making good choices and continuing with our Bounce Back curriculum. In PE we will continue learning Hockey skills initially before moving onto racquets. We also have our Playleader training delivered over this term with Active Schools staff coming in to assist. This training will equip the pupils to be playground leaders when in P7, helping younger children to play traditional games.

**Literacy**

Our writing focus will change to factual reports initially as we learn how to note take effectively and write detailed reports about Japan. We will also learn how to write *clear sets of instructions* and learn about how this helps in emergencies such as earthquake drills. We will focus on speech marks, contractions and abbreviations in grammar and spelling will continue to be issued weekly.

**Technologies**

We will be continuing with our Climate Smarter project but using the BBC Microbits to design and code smart technologies- you will be able to see some of these during our curriculum show and tell event later this term. We will be continuing to learn how to use the internet safely to gather facts to aid us with our Topic work and will be learning how to produce documents electronically. I am also hoping that we will undertake some Food Technology this term and explore the wonderful cuisine of Japan.

**Reporting this Term**

You will have received the **Effort/Behaviour/Attitude** report this week, please take time to discuss this with your child and complete the emailed Microsoft form with your responses. You will also receive your **child’s interim report** week beginning January 29th. On February 21st we will hold our **Curriculum Show and Tell event** between 4pm and 6.30pm, more details will be emailed nearer the time. You will also receive a term 3 **Effort/Behaviour/Attitude** report week beginning March 25th. Please encourage your child to continue to add to their **Learning Celebration book**, this will also come home with the interim report for them to share with you.

**Dates for your diary**

Week beginning 29th Jan- interim reports and learning celebration book home.

Thursday 8th- Monday 12th Feb- Mid Term holiday

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th Feb- In Service Days (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 21st Feb- Show and Tell event.

Friday 1st March- Class Photograph

Friday 8th March- Visit to Absafe (more details will be emailed nearer the time)

Friday 15th March- Red Nose Day (dress as you please)

Week beginning 25th March- Effort/Behaviour/Attitude report emailed home.

Thursday 28th March- End of Term

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via the school office by email or telephone.

Looking forward to another fabulous term in P6,

Catherine Middleton

Class Teacher