**Term 4 Newsletter – April 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed some time together over the Easter break, even if the weather was not what we hoped for in April. It is hard to believe that we are now into our final term of the school year, they do say ‘time flies when you’re having fun’ and this year has certainly flown. The children have made great progress during the year and it has been lovely sharing the beginning of their learning journey with them.

**Weekly Timetable**

**P.E Sessions** Monday and Thursday

**Assembly** Wednesday afternoon

**Library** Friday - Children will independently select a book from the school library to share at home. Please note that books are to be returned the following Friday to enable a new book to be selected.

This term the children will also be continuing to work with the following teachers for short periods of time on the following days:

Monday Mrs Storey

**Topic**

Our topic this term is, In the Garden, we will be learning about living and non-living things, life cycles, food chains, habitats and different types of plants/trees and what they need to grow.

Our topic will also create lots of outdoor learning opportunities and we will try to get the children outdoors most days. To accommodate for the ever-changing Scottish weather, please ensure that children have suitable clothing for their outdoor learning sessions.

**Literacy**

We are currently learning our last few Jolly Phonic sounds and we will be revisiting the sounds already covered to ensure that the children have a firm understanding of single sounds. Some children are beginning to use the sounds they know to sound out words during reading and create new words. If this is the stage that your child is at, it would be beneficial for your child if you could play games at home to build their confidence in blending words together, such as cat, hat, mat, pin etc. We are also learning about beginning, middle and end sounds, it would be helpful if you could talk about this with your child to help them identify where the sound is in a word. Phonics homework will continue to be sent home to help consolidate learning.

The children will continue to work within our reading scheme and reading will be sent home regularly. Sets of new words to learn will be sent home to support your child’s learning as they progress. If your child finds these words tricky to learn or remember, ask them to look for clues or familiar sounds, look at what sound the word begins with, the shape or length of the word. Try to have fun looking for the words in books, newspapers, posters, menus, shops signs etc. You could also play games like matching pairs, snap and bingo to help reinforce their learning. The children might also like to have a go at writing and copying the words using sand or mud, fancy pens, paint, chalk and shaving foam.

We will also continue with weekly writing sessions and a variety of other literacy activities to consolidate and build on their understanding.

**Numeracy**

This term P1 will begin to focus on subtraction within 10, money and measurement.

**Health and Wellbeing**

In health and wellbeing this term, your young person will be taking part in RSHP lessons. The lessons for P1 are:

* My body
* My body belongs to me
* Unique, similar and different
* Our Families
* People who help and look after me
* Asking questions, making choices, saying yes/no
* Friends and Friendship
* Playing Together: Being Kind
* Personal space and privacy
* When I feel sad/upset
* Looking after plants/animals
* Pregnancy and looking after a baby

All units are available for parents to view on the RSHP website, along with some useful links to support RSHP at home - <https://rshp.scot/early-level/>

**Dates for your Diary**

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils and staff

Wednesday 22nd May Parents Evening – Further information will be sent home

Thursday 23rd May Parents Evening – Further information will be sent home

Friday 7th June Dress as you please day

Saturday 8th June School Summer Fayre

Tuesday 18th June Sports Day and Family Picnic

Friday 5th July Last day of term

Please continue to ensure that all items brought into school are named, as, in theory, they are more likely to find their way home. It would also be appreciated if any borrowed clothing is returned to school for others to use.

As always, if there are any issues or concerns then please write a note in the homework diary, get in touch through the school office or catch me at the end of the day. Thank you so much for your continued help and support throughout the year, it is greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes,

Miss Sang