

**Term 2**

**Primary 3P Newsletter ☺**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I can’t quite believe how fast Term 1 flew past, and we are definitely well underway with Term 2 already! Everyone has settled quickly back into class and we all enjoyed sharing our stories from the October holidays. It was excellent to see so many of you at Parents’ Evening last term and I look forward to working closely with you to ensure that your child has another productive and enjoyable term.

**Homework**Our homework routine will continue in Term 2. Homework will be distributed on a Thursday and is to be handed in, on or before the following Wednesday. Reading homework will be given out at least three times a week.

**PE**The children will have two PE sessions a week. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit every day in case we have an additional PE slot. Please ensure all items of clothing are named to avoid confusion over ownership.

**Timetable**
This term P3P are very fortunate in that they will continue to benefit from exciting learning experiences in class and with our visiting specialists. Please note that timings and specialists are likely to change each term. This is to ensure your child has a rounded experience of the curriculum. The current schedule is as follows:

Monday**-** ICT with class teacher
Tuesday- PE with class teacher
Wednesday – Science with Mrs Murray
Thursday-Library every second week (02.11.17, 16.11.17, 30.11.17 and 14.12.17)Friday- Assembly and Excellence Time

**Literacy and Maths**The children will continue to have daily Literacy and Maths lessons and will cover the following each week:

**Literacy**

* **Handwriting** **–** focusing on correct letter formation and joined up handwriting
* **Spelling –** variety of spelling activities daily
* **Grammar –** question marks, exclamation marks and commas
* **Reading and Comprehension -** three times a week
* **Writing –** narrative writing focusing on developing our character and setting descriptions

**Maths**

* **Mental Maths –** daily to develop mental agility
* **Addition and Subtraction –**  quick number bonds
* **Multiplication and Division –** learning and revising the 2-5 and 10 times tables and linking mulplication with division
* **Money –** coin recognition, different strategies to work out change and completing real life problems
* **Data Handling –** analysing and interpreting data from a variety of charts graphs and tables, gathering data and using this information to create own graphs.

**Topic**This term we will undertake two mini topics. The first topic will take place from week 1-5 and will link in with the book bags your child will receive as part of Book Week Scotland in November. The second topic will take place from week 5 -8 and will be about Scottish Inventors.

 **Topic 1 – Read, Write, Count**
Children in Primary 2 and 3 will receive a Read, Write, Count bag in November. In it are books, fun counting games and materials for writing. The bags are a great way to inspire children to read, write and count together and are a great first step in increasing children’s literacy and numeracy skills. As a class we will be exploring the books in the packs and using the books to carry out a variety of reading, writing, listening and talking and Maths tasks. We will present our work at our Reading Café in November (see below for time and date).

**Topic 2 – Scottish Inventors**Our second topic this term is Inventors and Inventions. This is a technology and Enterprise based topic that will focus on what inventions are and inventions that are all around us. We will also be researching famous Scottish Inventors and Designers as well as creating our own inventions. This will develop our research skills and co-operative group work skills as we work together to complete design challenges. This will involve setting mini invention challenges to promote discussion about materials, cost, realistic design ideas etc. If your child has any items relating to the topic they wish to share with the class they are welcome to bring them in.

**Dates for your Diary**

**In-service Days** - Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November the children will not be in school on these days

**Halloween Disco** – Friday 10th November

**P3P Café-** 9.20-10.20am Wednesday 29th November (invites will be handed out this week)

**Classwork home –** Friday 1st December to be returned on the Monday

**P2 and P3 Christmas Party** - Wednesday 20th December

**Church Service/End of Term 2** - Friday 22nd December

**Term 3 Begins** - Monday 8th January

I would like to thank you again for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me via your child’s home/school diary if you have any concerns or questions.

Miss Ritchie