P5P NEWSLETTER

**TERM 1 – August 2017**

Welcome to the P5P newsletter, my name is Mr Steve Munro and I will be your child’s teacher this year. It has been my pleasure to get to know the children in the class for the first few weeks and I look forward to further developing a productive relationship with them all.

**Timetable**

Monday & Friday – **PE** with myself

Tuesday – **Science** with Mrs. Murray

Thursday – **Music** with Mrs. Minto

We also have a number of PSA and support staff who provide excellent support to enhance the learning environment in the classroom.

**Library**

Our library slot this term will be on a Wednesday. Please remind your child to bring their book in the day before if possible.

Our dates are: - **30th August, 13th and 27th September and 11th October.**

**Homework**

Homework will be issued on a Thursday to be returned on the following **Tuesday**. The tasks will cover a variety of curricular areas and will be reinforcing what the children have been learning in class. Ordinarily this will consist of a mathematical task, a literacy based task and a task from a third curricular area.

Children will also receive regular reading homework. Please remember to sign your child’s homework and reading record.

**Term 1 Curriculum**

**Topic**

We are conducting a novel study as our topic for the first term and, having been given a range of options, the children opted for The Witches by Roald Dahl. The children appear to be thoroughly enjoying the reading of the novel and, as I am sure you will be aware, the beautiful writing style lends itself wonderfully to a range of cross curricular activities such as art, literacy and even mathematics. In addition to this, later in the first term, we will look at the skills of mapping with the children, specifically focussing on the continent of Europe and the capital cities therein.

**Mathematics**

Our main focus this term is Mental Agility through a variety of different activities. We have engaged in a review and application of our number processing skills and we will continue to consolidate these.

* *Having determined which calculations are needed, I can solve problems involving whole numbers using a range of methods, sharing my approaches and solutions with others. MNU 2-03a*

**Literacy**

Our focus this term is on imaginative writing linked to our class novel.

* *Having explored the elements which writers use in different genres, I can use what I learn to create stories, poems and plays with an interesting and appropriate structure, interesting characters and/or settings which come to life. LIT 2-31a*

**Dates for your Diary**

* Friday 1st September – Open Afternoon
* Tuesday 3rd October – Parent Twilight
* Friday 13th October – Last Day of Term

As we are now approaching autumn, the weather can be a little unpredictable. Can you please ensure that your child has a jacket with them in case the weather changes.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, or information to share about your child, please feel free to contact me either by writing a note in your child’s home/school notebook, catching me in the playground at the end of the day or by contacting the school office.

Thank you

Mr Steve W Munro