**Term 3**

**Primary 3P Newsletter ☺**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year!! I can’t quite believe that we are in Term 3 already! Everyone has settled quickly back into class and we all enjoyed sharing our stories from the Christmas holidays. I look forward to working closely with you to ensure that your child has another productive and enjoyable term.

**Timetable**
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- PE with Mrs Johnston Library second week (08.01.18, 22.01.18, 05.02.18, 19.02.18, 05.03.18, 19.03.18)
Tuesday**-** PE with class teacher
Wednesday- RME with Mrs Baillie
Thursday- P1-3 Singing with Mrs Minto for six weeks
Friday- Assembly, PE with class teacher and Excellence Time

**Homework**Our homework routine will continue in Term 3. Homework will usually be distributed on a Thursday and is to be handed in on or before the following Wednesday. This will usually consist of literacy, numeracy and one topic task each week. Reading homework will be given out at least three times a week.

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PE** The children will continue to have two PE sessions a week (Monday and Tuesday). Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit every day. Please ensure all items of clothing are named to avoid confusion over ownership.

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

**Literacy**

* **Handwriting –** focus on neat and joined up handwriting
* **Spelling –** variety of spelling activities daily
* **Grammar –** continue to work on extending punctuation with a focus of applying this within their writing
* **Reading and Comprehension -** three times a week
* **Writing –** we will be focusing on a range of genres including: diary entry newspaper report, fact file, and instructions

**Maths**

* **Shape -**  identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes including square based pyramids and triangular prisms
* **Fractions** -Learning how to find one or more equal parts of an object e.g. one third, two thirds, etc.
* **Mental Maths** - Continue learning and developing mental strategies for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.

**Topic**Our topic this term will be “Ancient Civilisations”. We will be studying Ancient civilisations and comparing and contrasting these Ancient Civilisations to present day life in Scotland. This will include comparing and contrasting landscapes and geographical features, climate and seasons, daily life, transport and religion. We will also be exploring their different alphabetical and numerical systems as well as looking at the impact these cultures had on Scotland and the world in general.

**Emergency Closure**

We have already had our first taste of winter weather before Christmas. In the event of a school closure there are snow packs for each year group on the school website. These provide educational and engaging activities for your child to work on at home should there be a school closure. If you would prefer a hard copy to keep at home please let me know by writing a note in your child’s home/school diary.

**Dates for you Diary**

**In-service and Occasional Days** – Friday 9th February - Wednesday 14th February and Friday 2nd of March

**PTA Pupil’s Red Disco (Evening)** – Friday 23rd February

**P3P’s Assesmbly –** Friday 2nd March

 **Reports issued to Parents –** Monday 12th March

**Parent’s Twilight and Evening –** Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd of March

**Church Service/End of Term 3**- Thursday 29th of March

**Term 4 Begins-** Monday 16th April

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
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