**P5K’s Newsletter**

**A warm welcome back:** I hope that you all had a lovely summer break and that everyone is well rested in time for the busy year ahead! The children have been full of exciting stories about their summer holidays and have been keen to share these!

**Context for Learning :** During the first two weeks of term we have had a strong focus on creating a positive classroom environment. The class have also been involved in a book study of “Matilda”. We have begun reading the book and have created character profiles, illustrations in the style of Quentin Blake and drama pieces which have kept the book study active and exciting.

After we have completed our book study we will be moving on to the topic of Body Systems. In Primary 4 the children looked at having a healthy body and healthy mind but we will be delving deeper and exploring the respiratory, digestive, cardiovascular, nervous and skeletal systems. If anyone has any expertise in this field , we would love you to come and have a short talk with the children in class.

**Literacy** This term, Primary 5S will be focusing on imaginative writing. They will be learning how to structure a story, create interesting characters and settings and will be learning how to proof read and edit their work. In spelling, we will begin with a common words focus before moving onto learning about different phonemes. In Reading, we will be working on our summarisation and prediction skills as well as oral reading skills.

**Numeracy:** In Maths, we will begin with a big focus on mental agility and will be learning lots of different strategies to add, subtract, divide and multiply mentally. We take part in daily mental Maths sessions and have a weekly quiz to track our improvement: don’t forget to ask your child about how they did each week.

**Homework:** will be issued weekly on a Thursday and is to be handed in by the following Tuesday. Homework will consist of a Literacy, Numeracy and Topic task each week. Reading homework will be given out throughout the week and will be recorded in the Home/School book. Feel free to pop any notes or questions in there and I will respond as quickly as I can.

**PE** lessons will take on a Tuesday with miss Paterso but please ensure that your child has a full PE kit every day in case we have extra PE slots.

Timetable

Monday ICT with Mr. Wilson

Tuesday PE with Miss. Paterson

Tuesday Library every 2nd week starting 30/8/16

Important Dates

Open Afternoon – Friday 26th August 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Parent’s Evenings – 29th September , 4th October (Twilight)

End of term – Friday 7th October

 Kind Regards

Mrs Fleetwood & P5K