**P6K News**

**April 2018**

**Notes:**

* Homework will be handed out on a Thursday and should be returned the following Tuesday.
* Reading homework will be set twice a week. This will be set on Mondays/Tuesdays and then on Thursdays.
* We will be aiming to have one P.E. slot outdoors this term (weather permitting) so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear to do this. A sun hat and sun cream may also be required if your child has sensitive skin.

**Timetable –key events:**

Monday: Library (fortnightly from 23.4.18)

Tuesday: ICT, P.E. (indoors)

Wednesday: German with Ms Kaup

Thursday: Music with Ms Minto

Friday: Assembly, P.E. (outdoors – weather permitting!)

**Dates for your diary:**

Monday 26th April – Big pedal begins (cycle or scoot to school)

Tuesday 1st May – P6K Café

Thursday 3rd May – Scottish Parliament Visit

Monday 7th May – May Day holiday

Wednesday 16th May – Wellbeing festival

Friday 18th May – Health Festival

Monday 28th May – Theatre group visit

Thursday 31st May – Samba workshops

Monday 4th June – local holiday

Friday 8th June – school sports day

Friday 15th June – Alternative sports day

Friday 6th July – Last day of school term

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all enjoyed the Easter Holidays and had a good break. This newsletter will let you know about some of our learning for the final term, some key timetable events and dates for the diary.

**Who is running our country?**

Our topic this term is called ‘Who is running our country?’ This will be a groupwork based topic involving lots of discussion and team work. We will be making our own countries which will then facilitate our learning about what makes a country unique and how countries are run. We are going to be learning about different types of administrations and governments which will include some history. We will learn more about the politics in Scotland and the UK. We are lucky enough to be having the Scottish Parliament Education team visiting us at school and they will be setting up a debate as if we were in Holyrood. We will also be visited by some local MPs and MSPs later in the term.

**Health and Wellbeing:**

For social skills this term, we will be working on skills such as perspective taking and showing empathy. We will also focus on identifying choices in scenarios and the consequences of each.

In P.E. we will be doing hockey, cross country and some team games, with a focus on developing cooperation and communication skills.

**Literacy**

This term we will be reading novels to help us to work on the development of plot, characters and setting. We will be working on inference and summarising the plot by learning how to highlight key events and identify extraneous detail.

In writing we will be working on making our writing more engaging by using ambitious vocabulary, a wide range of connectives, openers and punctuations and also increasing the use of literary features. We will be evaluating other pieces of writing to work out what an engaging piece looks like.

**Numeracy**

In maths this term we will be completing our money topic. We will be looking at strategies to help with multiplying money and then working on calculating sale reductions and best buys. This will involve work on percentages.

Next, we will be doing some work on number patterns where we will need to identify the common factor and then use this rule to add more terms. We will be looking at arithmetic, geometric and special number sequences, such as squared numbers, cubed numbers and the Fibonacci sequence.

Finally, we will be learning about data collection, analysis and displays. This will include looking at the mode, median and mean, reading data displays and creating our own.

This will be a busy term with lots of exciting learning. If you have any concerns you are welcome to write informal notes to me in your child’s diary or if more time is needed to discuss an issue, a time can be arranged for after school.

Thanks for your support so far!

Kind regards,

Ailie Corbett