**P6P Class Newsletter**

**Term 3, Session 2017/2018**

Happy New Year and welcome back to term three. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for a new term. We will have Mrs Grant, Mr Gray and Mrs Williamson working with us in class this term as our PSAs. Mrs Cooper will be teaching in class on a Monday afternoon- she will be teaching R.M.E and P.E. Additionally we have Mrs Baillie who will be in class on Thursday, where the pupils will be covering aspects of the Health and Well-being curriculum.

Timetable for the week:

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| Monday | P.E with Mrs Cooper |
| Wednesday | Music with iPads with Mr Watt, Library (fortnightly) and P.E. with Mrs Paterson  |
| Friday | Assembly, Excellence Time  |

Dates for your diary:

**Monday 22nd January-** Theatre Group Visit

**Wednesday 24th January-** Police Liaison Officer visit- Substance Abuse topic

**Friday 2nd February-** PTA ceilidh

**Friday 9th February – Wednesday 14th February**- No pupils in school (Midterm holiday and In-service for staff)

**Thursday 1st March**- World Book Day

**Friday 2nd March-** PTA Disco

**Monday 12th March-** Reports issued

**Saturday 17th March**- Spring Fair

**Tuesday 20th March-** Parent/Pupil Twilight

**Thursday 22nd March**- Parent/Pupil Evening

**Thursday 29th March-** Church Service

**Friday 30th March-** Last day of term

Contexts for learning:

For our social studies work this term our topic is going to be ‘What a Wonderful World’. We will be investigating human and physical features in particular places and learning about environmental issues, both locally and globally. Pupils will have the opportunity to showcase their learning using technology and share ideas about how geographical features can impact people’s lives. The children will develop skills which will enable them to collect and record evidence to answer geographical questions. We will be learning to use atlases, maps, aerial photos and satellite images to gather geographical information.

Within maths we will be learning about time- using timetables, calendars, and the relationship between speed, distance and time. We will be investigating area and perimeter and practising our problem solving skills in real life contexts. As always, we will be continuing to work on our mental maths strategies- any extra practice at home will always be beneficial. As we progress through the term we will be continuing to learn about money, investigate patterns, learn about famous mathematicians and how maths affects our daily lives.

Within literacy we will be analysing and learning about Scottish poetry. The children will be reading a variety of poems and learning to comment on the poetic techniques which have been used and their effectiveness. As we approach Robert Burns’ celebrations we will be doing work on Scot’s language and investigating some of Burns’ work and creating some of our own Scots poems too! As the term progresses we will be improving our letter writing skills and discursive writing.

As always, if you have any concerns you are welcome to write informal notes to me in your child’s planner or if more time is needed to discuss an issue, a time can be arranged for after school.

Thanks again for your continued support,

Lyndsey Paterson