

P6S Newsletter

Term 3 – January 2017

**Message from the teacher**

Welcome back to term 3! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays. Within the class this term, we will be supported by Ms Kennelly on Wednesdays and, once again, we’ll have PSA support from Mr Gray Tuesday mornings, and Mrs Binfield on Mondays and Thursdays. On Wednesday, we will have Mrs Baillie who will be doing Mindfulness activities with the children, and on Thursdays, the class will have Mrs Young who will be taking the class for RME and singing. As always, if you have any concerns you are very 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 which should be arranged via the office.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support, Richard Davidson

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| http://www.schooljotter.com/imagefolders/chapel/Diary.gif **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  | **Timetable:**The Class will have: **P.E**. on Tuesday morning where we will be looking at ‘central net’ games such as badminton and volleyball. We will also have PE on Wednesday mornings where we will be developing our movement and balance skills through yoga and dance.**Library** will be every 2nd Monday (5th Feb, 19th Feb, 5th Mar, 19th Mar)**Singing** – for the first half of the term, singing will be in the classroom with Mrs Young, and for the second half of the term will be singing in the hall with Mrs Minto. |
| **Homework:**Homework will be issued each week on a Thursday to be completed and returned by the following Tuesday. Activities will cover a variety of curricular areas and reinforce learning that is taking place in class. Can all homework tasks please be signed by an adult and I also welcome any comments that you wish to write in your child’s homework jotter.Reading groups have now been organised and your child should be coming home with an appropriate text. Reading will be given out as homework and I will also be working with the groups on their reading in class, so therefore please could you ensure that the reading book is kept in the schoolbag. |
| **Numeracy:**We will be covering a few topics this term in maths. At the start of the term we will be growing our knowledge of time, time tables and calendars. We’ll also look at the relationship between speed, distance and time. We will then be moving on to look at measurement, in particular looking at area, perimeter and volume. Finally, our topic will provide a great opportunity for us to develop our understanding of money, finances and budgeting and further build on our percentages knowledge.  | **Literacy:**We will be covering at Scots language over January, and in particular looking at writing and reciting some 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. We will also be looking at letter writing later on in the term, linked to our topic, and also covering discursive writing. In Reading, we will be doing a range of comprehension activities and, in addition to the reading group novels, we will have a class reader linked to our topic. We will also be looking at our inference skills this term as a means to develop our reading further. |
| **Topic:** | As it is a slightly longer term, we will be covering 2 topic areas. The first topic area is “Enterprise” where will be looking at a number of business related concepts, such as entrepreneurship, Mission Statements, business analysis, profit and loss, etc. The children will become mini-entrepreneurs in their own right and designing their own products and, finally, will be given the opportunity to run their own company via a theme park business simulation. The topic are will also give us the opportunity to develop our ICT skills around using spreadsheets.As part of our Enterprise topic, we’ll be considering the environmental impact of our products and companies as we move into looking at our other topic area: What a wonderful world. Here we will be developing our geography skills through learning to use atlases, maps, aerial photos and satellite images to gather geographical information. The class will be developing their understanding of the wider world whereby our key focus will be eco-focused and looking at how we can protect our environment. |
| **Art** | Our topic areas will provide a lot of opportunities for the children to be creative and artistic. In particular, as part of our ‘What a wonderful world’ topic, we’ll be looking at different artists from around the world. |
| **Winter Weather** | During the winter season, just in case there is a snow day and the school is closed due to the weather, the Primary 6 Snow Pack is now on the school website. If you require a paper copy please ask and I will pass this to your child.  |