**P7A Class Newsletter**

**Term 2, Session 2016/2017**

Welcome back to term two. I hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready for another busy term ahead! We will continue to have Mrs Grant working with us in our class this term as our PSA. In addition to this we will have Support for Learning teacher Mrs Munro working with groups within the class to support literacy. Our specialist teachers this term will be Mr Wilson for I.C.T. and we will continue to have Frau Kaup to teach French. As part of our topic, Mrs Strand will be joining us on a Friday to teach the children about the impact and influences that famous mathematicians have had on our world and modern technology.

Timetable for the week:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Monday | P.E (outside), I.C.T with Mr Wilson |
| Wednesday | French with Ms Kaup , Library (fortnightly, starting 2nd Nov.) |
| Thursday | P.E. (outside) |
| Friday | Assembly, Excellence Time |

As we near Christmas time the big hall will be increasingly used for nativity practice, therefore we will be going outside for our P.E lessons. Children should bring clothing which is suitable for outdoor activities. For example- a long sleeve top, joggers or longer leggings and outdoor trainers.

Dates for your diary:

**Monday 14th November**- In-service- school closed to pupils

**Tuesday 15th November**- In-service- school closed to pupils

**Saturday 19th November**- Christmas Fayre

**Monday 28th November**- Flu vaccines start

**Friday 2nd December**- Pupil work goes home

**Monday 12th December-** P6/7 Christmas Party

**Wednesday 21st December-** Christmas Church Service and last day of term

**Thursday 5th January 2017-** School resumes

Homework:

Please continue to check that your child is completing their reading pages at home. I understand that one to one reading time is perhaps less frequent with older children as they become increasingly independent with their reading. However, ensuring they are keeping up to date with the given pages is much appreciated.

Contexts for learning:

This term we will be striving to become ‘Digital Ambassadors’ within the school, and much of our learning will be technology based. We are learning skills for life and work through the technology available within the school. We are aiming to become digitally literate, showcasing our work using new and inventive ways. Our topic will involve investigating coding (using the Scratch programme), ways to stay safe online and the impact that advances of technology had in the past and in the present day. With Mr Wilson the children will be working on using their online GLOW accounts and other coding skills.

Within maths we will be learning more about fractions, decimals and percentages, building on existing knowledge. We will also be continuing to improve our mental maths strategies (any extra practice at home wouldn’t go a miss!) Additionally we will be learning about shape and continuing to improve our problem solving skills.

Our literacy work will be inspired by film and media stimuli, continuing our ‘Digital Ambassadors’ topic. We will be working towards improving our creative writing and showing what we have learned through innovative ways using technology.

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