**P6P Class Newsletter**

**Term 4, Session 2017/2018**

I hope you all had a lovely spring holiday and are raring to go for our final term! We will have Mrs Grant and Mr Gray working with us in class this term as our PSAs. In addition to this we will have Support for Learning teacher Mrs Saunders working with groups to support literacy. Our specialist teachers this term will be Mrs Murray for Science and Ms Minto for Music.

Timetable for the week:

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| Monday | P.E. with Mrs Paterson (indoor) |
| Wednesday | Science |
| Thursday | Music  Library fortnightly starting 19th April |
| Friday | Assembly, P.E. with Mrs Paterson (outdoor), Excellence Time |

Dates for your diary:

Monday 26th April- Big Pedal begins- cycle or scoot to school!

Wednesday 2nd May- P6P Café at 9:15am and Bags to School

Thursday 3rd May- Scottish Parliament visit- all P6K, P, S classes

Monday 7th May- Holiday

Friday 18th May- Wellbeing Festival

Monday 28th May – Theatre group visit

Monday 4th June- Local Holiday

Friday 8th June- School Sports day

Friday 15th June- Alternative Sports Day

Friday 6th July- Last day of term- happy holidays ☺

A few things…

\* Homework will continue to be issued on Thursday and due in the following Tuesday. Homework will be posted onto our class GLOW page. As previously discussed with the class, if they need me to print it for them as you can’t access a computer- it is no problem, just let me know in advance.

\*Reading homework will be posted on our GLOW page on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please feel free to write me notes in your child’s homework diary to communicate regarding reading if needed.

\* We will aim to have at least one P.E. session outdoors this term (weather permitting!) so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear to do this. A sun hat and sun cream if they have particularly sensitive skin may also be prevalent.

Contexts for learning:

This term we will be continuing to learn about business and enterprise and will be preparing products to sell at our café. The children will have the opportunity to be part of a real business, learning about profit and loss, advertising, writing a business plan and will use their IT skills to create a promotional video. **Please bring along some money so you can purchase some of our items. All of the products cost less than £1 to buy.**

As we progress through the term our topic will change to be ‘Who’s Running the Country?’, a political themed topic whereby the children will have the opportunity to create and run their own ‘country’. They will experience the highs and lows that countries can face and will learn about how countries around the world are managed by different kinds of Governments.

As part of our school wide work on ‘Developing the Young Workforce’- which aims to better prepare children to identify and develop the skills they need for the world of work- we will be running ‘Skills Academy’ workshops. The children will have the opportunity to sign up for activities which will develop specific skills and will spend a few weeks building their confidence and understanding of such skills. These activities are being planned and developed by the teachers in each year group at the moment, pupils will receive more information about the activities in due course.

Within maths we will be learning about data handling and how to interpret and analyse the results of our findings. Pupils will also be learning about number patterns and investigating 3D shape. We will continue to work on a variety of Mental Maths topics, revisiting learning we have covered throughout the year. Any additional practise at home is always welcome- going over times tables, or basic addition and subtraction. The children will have the opportunity to self-assess and identify their own areas for development which we can work specifically on.

To begin the term, in Literacy we will continue to work on skills for creative writing. We will investigate ambitious language, connectives/punctuation and literary features such as similes and metaphors. As we progress through our ‘Who’s Running the Country’ topic the pupils will have the opportunity to learn about speech writing and how to persuade an audience.

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