



P6K Newsletter Term 1 2018-2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer holiday. It is good to see the children back at school refreshed, excited and looking forward to the year ahead. I am very much looking forward to working with P6 and we have a very busy and exciting term ahead of us.

Our Timetable

Monday	P.E. with Ms Macdonald
Tuesday	Music with Ms Macdonald
Wednesday	Mrs Strand, non-class contact time, Drama with Ms Macdonald
Thursday	P.E. with Ms Macdonald
Friday	Technology with Ms Macdonald

Our Learning

This term we have begun with a novel study based on the book 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. We will be exploring the themes within the story including bullying, friendship, diversity and inclusion. We will also be completing 'Bikeability' which will keep the children very busy in the coming weeks. There will be a final assessment of the skills and knowledge the children have learned. As part of this, we will be learning about general road safety and other bike maintenance skills. We will need your support as parent helpers so if you have some free time please keep an eye out for the Bikeability letter in the coming weeks and sign up! 😊

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will be revisiting the important foundations in Maths. In particular we'll be looking at place value (up to millions), ordering numbers with 3 decimal points and building our problem solving ability regarding the four major operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). We will also be working on our rapid recall of number bonds to 100 and our times tables. Mental Maths will focus on our ability to explain our strategies and thinking processes. Maths Week Scotland is a Scottish Government initiative to encourage a positive attitude towards Maths. To celebrate, Sumdog are running a special nationwide Maths contest. All children have been given their log in for Sumdog and are entered for a National Contest which runs from the 7th -13th September. The children are also entered into an Aberdeenshire contest which runs from the 9th- 15th November. To take part the children simply have to play Sumdog's Maths games.

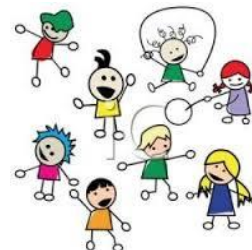
Literacy:

In Reading we will be looking at developing various reading strategies to support comprehension. In Writing we will be exploring imaginative writing linked to our class novel which will support us to develop writing techniques for describing characters, settings and creating interesting storylines. There will also be various opportunities to develop comprehension and grammar skills alongside this. The children are currently being assessed in their spelling ability.

Each week the children's spelling lists will be published on www.spellingcity.com/MsMac18/ so the children can access their spelling lists, play games etc. The children are also encouraged to practise the games for spelling on Sumdog and work may be set on this site for homework. The children will also be practising their joined script and will be encouraged to ensure they are transferring this knowledge across their writing.

P.E.

In P.E. We will be focussing on co-operative games which will encourage children to work together as well as a variety of ball sports. The children will also be choreographing a creative dance which we hope to share with you at our assembly. Please can you ensure that children bring their PE kits in to school on a Monday and keep them in school all week. Please also ensure that your child has a hair bobble if required and jewellery is removed or preferably not worn on the days that we have PE.



Library

We will visit the school library every fortnight and have already enjoyed our first visit. Subsequent dates are as follows: 3rd September, 17th September and 1st October.



Homework



Homework will be handed out on a Wednesday and to be returned on the following Tuesday. Each week there will be three manageable tasks consisting of Maths, Literacy and Topic. Reading will also be issued each week. Reading tasks will be noted in the children's home/school diaries. Thank-you for your continued support with homework.

Dates for your diary

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| • Monday 10 th September | Maths Week |
| • Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st September | Tempest Photos |
| • Friday 14 th September | P6K Assembly (invitations to follow) |
| • Tuesday 2 nd October | Parents twilight |
| • Thursday 4 th October | Parents evening |
| • Friday 12 th October | Term ends |

And finally

Here's to an excellent year ahead! I look forward to our partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions or matters you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me either through the children's home/school diaries, before or after school or alternatively by appointment.



Your sincerely

Ms Macdonald

Class Teacher

