**Term 2 P5K Newsletter**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are ready for another term in P5K!

**Timetable**

Monday – Science and Problem Solving with Mrs Johnstone

Thursday - P.E. with Miss Leat

Friday – P.E. with Miss Leat

**Literacy**

This term, we will be focusing on poetry and persuasive writing linked to our topic. In Reading, we will be working on our appreciation of the writer’s craft (why they choose the words they do) and visualization skills as well as oral reading skills. We will continue to be looking at different ways of spelling the same spelling sound and investigating spelling rules.

**Library**

Library visits will be every second Monday.

**12th November, 26th November, 10th December**

**Maths**

In Maths we will focus on mental agility and will continue to develop their written and mental strategies for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will take part in daily mental maths sessions to improve speed and accuracy. We will also be focusing on Data Handling and Money.

**Topic**

Our Topic this term is ‘Mountains and Rivers’. Through this we will look at famous rivers and mountains around the world, how they are formed, how the impact the area around them and animal life that thrive there. We will also be looking at the water cycle and changing stages of water.

**Homework**

Homework will be issued on a **Thursday** and is expected to be completed and returned the following **Tuesday.** The class are also required to read their reading book in school. The pages they are required to read for homework will be recorded in their home-school diary.

**P.E.**

The children will have two PE sessions a week. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit every day in case we have an additional PE slot. Please ensure all items of clothing are named to avoid confusion over ownership.

**Water and Snack**

We encourage the children to bring water bottles to school so that they can drink water during the day. To encourage healthy eating, the school's Golden Carrot competition continues. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack Monday to Thursday and to leave Friday as a treat day! Please refrain from giving your child peanut and nut-based snacks as there are children with severe nut allergies in school.

**Outdoors**

As the weather gets colder the children will still be outside for break and lunch, weather permitting. We will also have the occasional lesson outside (such as during Eco Duty). Please ensure your child comes to school suitably dressed for the potential weather as we all know how changeable Scotland can be!

**Dates for your diary**

* Monday 12th November – In-Service Day
* Tuesday 13th November – In-Service Day
* Wednesday 21st November – P2-7 Curricular Evening
* Tuesday 4th December – P5K Café - 9:15am – 10:00am
* Tuesday 18th December – P5 Christmas Party
* Friday 21st December – Church Service and End of Term 2
* Friday 25th January – P5K Assembly

I am hoping for another great term with P5K and look forward to sharing more of our learning with you all! – Miss Leat