



P6K Newsletter

Term 2

2018-2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term two. I hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready for another busy term ahead! We are delighted to be joined by Miss Philip, a fourth-year student, from Monday 29th November until Friday 30th November. Miss Philip will be teaching groups of children with increasing responsibility leading to Miss Philip managing the teaching and learning of the whole class. She will return to work with us in the new year.

Our Timetable

Monday	P.E. with Ms Macdonald
Tuesday	Music with Ms Macdonald
Wednesday	Mrs Strand, non-class contact time, German with Mrs Kaup
Thursday	Library every fortnight starting 1 st November
Friday	Technology and P.E. with Ms Macdonald

Context for Learning

Bikeability will continue for two weeks from Monday 5th November. A big thank-you to all the parents who have given up their time to help deliver the cycle training for the children. We couldn't have done it without you! This term our topic is 'Democracy'. The children will be exploring different types of government, core democratic values, voting and representation and the role of local councils and the Scottish Parliament. They will be developing their understanding that while they can make choices in their lives, they also have a sense of responsibility for supporting the freedoms of others. It will include a steady focus on helping children make connections to others, explore and understand diversity, similarities and difference, and promote and champion equality for all. This will include reflecting on and valuing the diversity of pupils' experiences and providing pupils with a comprehensive understanding of people and communities beyond their immediate experience. It includes work that 'provides a safe environment for debating controversial issues and helping children to understand how they can influence and participate in decision making.

Literacy

In Writing we will be developing our skills in persuasive writing. The children will focus on presenting relevant ideas and information, including supporting detail, to convey a view point and organising their ideas in a logical way. We will also be developing a play script linked to our topic. In Grammar we will be revising colons and semi-colons, more complex conjunctions such as 'additionally' and 'moreover' and connectives such as 'after a while' and 'not long before'. We will also be developing our understanding of hyperbole. In Listening and Talking we will be focusing on debating skills and creating and delivering speeches, paying attention to developing verbal and non-verbal techniques in oral presentations and interactions, for example, vocabulary, eye contact, body language, emphasis, pace and/or tone. We will also be working on identifying the main ideas of spoken texts. We will be continuing to develop a range of skills and strategies to read and understand texts, for example, skimming, scanning, predicting, clarifying and/or summarising as well as creating different types of questions to show our understanding of texts.

Numeracy

In Maths we will be continuing to develop our mental agility, reviewing our knowledge of times tables and using this knowledge to multiply and divide. We will also be revising using jump strategies to add and subtract. We will be continuing to develop our knowledge of decimals and fractions and know for example that there are ten tenths in a whole, hundred hundredths in a whole and ten hundredths in a tenth and be able to multiply numbers including decimals by 10, 100 and

1000. This will be extended to include converting complex amounts of money and measurement. We will be working with money, paying for goods and giving change and working out what they can buy from a set budget. We will be focusing on Information Handling and will be using Excel to create bar graphs to display and interpret data. We will be revising our problem-solving strategies, looking at tackling problems by drawing a diagram and looking for patterns. Later in the term we will also be developing our knowledge and understanding of measurement. We are entered into an Aberdeenshire Maths Contest on Sumdog from 9th-15th November and to take part the children simply have to play Sumdog's Maths games.

Health and Well-Being

This term we will be focusing on Food and Health. This will include Food Technology in the preparation and cooking of food, making food items safely and hygienically, paying attention to allergies, cleaning, cross contamination, cooking and chilling. We will be developing our understanding of nutrition and healthy eating advice and will use this to create healthy eating plans. We will be looking at the links between the energy used while being physically active and the food we eat. The children will be encouraged to make healthy choices for snacks as there are quite a number of children in class who regularly take unhealthy snacks for break. We will be investigating food labelling and developing our understanding of how to use these to make healthy good choices. As part of our Personal and Social Development we will be looking at the concepts of winning and courage, developing skills for self- discipline and self- management. Later in the term we will be using the Philosophy for Children resources of Babushka and The Little Match Seller to develop philosophical thinking, looking at the difference between closed and philosophical questions and will begin our philosophical thought for the week.

P.E.

In P.E. we will be building our stamina and fitness skills through Invasion/ Possession games such as Rugby. We will also be linking physical activity to the outdoors through Orienteering with a focus on teamwork and cooperation.

Library

We will visit the school library every fortnight and have already enjoyed our first visit. Subsequent dates are as follows: 1st November, 15th November, 29th November and 13th December.



Homework



Homework will continue to be handed out on a Wednesday to be returned on the following Tuesday. Thank-you for your continued support with homework. If there are any issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dates for your diary

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| • Friday 9 th November | PTA Disco |
| • Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th November | In-service Days (School closed) |
| • Monday 19 th November | Flu Immunisations begin |
| • Wednesday 21 st November | P2-7 Curricular Evening |
| • Monday 17 th December | P6 and P7 Christmas Party |
| • Friday 21 st December | Church Service, End of Term 2 |

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet parents during the open afternoon and parents' appointments last term. I look forward to continuing our partnership in your child's education. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ms Macdonald
Class Teacher