



# Term 3 Primary 5S Newsletter ☺



Dear parents/ guardians,



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for another great year at Kintore! This term our topic will be 'Castles'. If you have any expertise in this area or artefacts (items, photos etc.) relating to this area then please let me know as we would love to hear from you.

Below is some information to help you and your child this term.

## Timetable

Tuesday - P.E. with Mrs Dymond



Wednesday - P.E. and Science with Mrs Johnston

Thursday – Library

Friday – Assembly

## Literacy

This term, we will be focusing on report, historical and imaginative writing linked to our topic. In Reading, we will be working on improving our inference skills to read between the lines 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 Thursday.

**10<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March,**

**21<sup>st</sup> March**

## 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 Shape/ Area and Fractions, Decimals.



## Topic

Our Topic this term is 'Castles'. Through this we will look at castles in our area, the people who lived there and their importance in Scottish history. We will be focusing on our research skills to find out information relating to our topic as the children did such a good job in their homework task last term!

## **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 at school. The pages they are required to read for homework will be recorded in their home-school diary. Although every effort is made for reading to be on the same days sometimes this cannot happen so please encourage your child to remember their reading book every day.



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**

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February – P5S Assembly
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Mid-Term Holiday
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Mid-Term Holiday
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – In-Service Day
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – In-Service Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Reports Issued
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Evening
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Parent Evening
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term 3

I am hoping for another great term with P5S and look forward to sharing more of our learning with you all! – Mrs Dymond