P7K NewsletterTerm 3 - January 2019	
Hello – welcome to a new term and, of course, a new teacher! I am delighted to have met your children and I am looking forward to the opportunity to get to know them better. If you would like to discuss anything, please get in touch. Rona Cameron	Dates for the Diary Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January – Theatre Group visit Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February – PTA Ceilidh Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February - Mid- Term Holiday (No School)
<ul> <li>Timetable</li> <li>Tuesday - P.E.</li> <li>Wednesday - German with Frau Kaup</li> <li>Thursday - Music, Art and French with Mrs Young <ul> <li>Library (fortnightly starting 17th Jan)</li> <li>P.E.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – In- Service Day (No School for Pupils) Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February – Moving On Workshops Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February – PTA Red Disco Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – start of Book Fair Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March – Rotary Schools Quiz (evening)
P.E. kits should be available every day and can be left in school. Homework Continuing from last term, homework will be given out on a Thursday and will be due in on or before the following Tuesday.	Thursday 7th March – World Book Day Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Reports issued Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Parent/Pupil Twilight Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March – Parent/Pupil Evening Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Term 3 ends Monday 15th April – Term 4 starts

## **Contexts for Learning**

Our topic for the next few weeks is going to be 'Making the News'. We will look at different methods of communicating throughout history as well as news and journalism today. We will think about fake news, the effects of social media and the impacts of journalism on privacy. To tie in with this, we will also be looking at how to stay safe online.

In literacy, we are starting the term with creative writing focused on Radio 2's 500 Word Challenge competition. We will also be concentrating on news articles and will look at various aspects of newspaper writing, including headlines and full reports. We will continue to develop listening skills and keep up to date with current events by watching Newsround regularly. In reading, we will continue to read novels as well as developing our non-fiction reading skills by using context clues to aid comprehension. We will be exploring the differences between fact and opinion and trying to identify them in different texts.

We are beginning our numeracy work with algebra and solving equations. We will look at some shape work later and undertake some work on multiples, factors and primes. We will also be keeping our number skills sharp with mental maths.

In P.E. we are practising our gymnastics and also playing games. We will be developing our understanding of healthy eating and making good choices. We will also look at the link between our emotions and physical feelings. We will be reinforcing a respectful culture in the classroom and aspiring to boost each other up whenever possible.