

Term 1 Newsletter

– WELCOME –
BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome to P2/3. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and fun-filled summer. I have really enjoyed hearing all the children's stories and getting to know everyone in the class. Everyone has settled in well and we are ready to learn. Below you will find some useful information along with an outline of some of the things we will be learning.



The class will visit the library every second Monday this term.

Dates are as follows 2nd September, 16th September and 30th September. Please check return date stamps in books and ensure books are returned in time.



Monday	P.E. with Mrs Forsyth Library (every second week – dates as above)
Wednesday	Science with Mrs Flett
Thursday	Music with Mrs Young P.E. with Mrs Bain

Our learning

- In Maths this term we will be starting with some assessments and revising several areas previously covered. We will also be looking at developing our knowledge of addition and subtraction. We will take our learning on and have a focus on money.
- In Literacy we will be learning about writing instructions and also developing our report writing skills.
- Our topic this term is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Some of the areas we will explore through this will include fair trade and where chocolate comes from.

Homework



Your child's homework will be handed out on a Thursday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Homework tasks will reinforce what your child has been learning in class. Once completed please sign your child's homework task. Please return homework in the coloured homework folder provided.

Reading



Everyone has a home-school diary which will show what they are to read at home and when it should be read by. I have written in each home-school diary the days on which your child will be reading in class. Again, please sign diaries to show they have completed their reading with you. In class, we will use our reading books for activities so please make sure these are in school on a daily basis. Reading books, home-school diary and common words packets should be kept separate in your child's book bag and not handed in with the homework folder.

Things to Remember

Children should:



- bring their book bag and home - school diary to school every day (please ensure that this is checked daily for notes/letters)
- bring a pencil case every day with sharp writing pencils, a rubber, a sharpener and perhaps colouring pencils (no pens please)
- bring a fresh water bottle every day (please note that juice is not allowed in the classroom)
- to encourage healthy eating, the school's Golden Carrot competition continues. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack Monday – Thursday and to leave Friday as a treat day!
- bring in a painting apron to be kept in school (an old shirt will suffice)
- come to school dressed appropriately for all weather conditions – we will be learning outside in all weathers!
- to support the development of Talking and Listening skills, there may be times when the children are asked to bring in something to share with the class but, I ask that unless this is the case, you discourage your child from bringing in toys, dolls, trading cards, other similar items. Having toys in school can often cause arguments, distractions and upsets, especially when things get lost or broken.
- have their gym bag (containing shorts, t-shirt, shoes and socks if girls may be wearing tights) in school at all times. These will be sent home regularly for washing. Fitbits/Garmins and other electronic fitness devices should not be worn during P.E. sessions as they could be damaged and can also be a hazard during sports. Earrings should be removed where possible and if this is not possible must be covered with tape. No rings, necklaces, bracelets or other jewellery should be worn either.



Please ensure that all items of clothing, shoes, pencil cases, bags and water bottles are clearly labelled.

If you have any questions / concerns please do not hesitate to write in your child's home-school diary, contact the school office or catch me at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Amy Forsyth