

# P6P Newsletter

Term 1 – August-October 2019

Hello and a warm welcome from myself. Thank you to everyone who came to the open afternoon, it was great to see you and the children enjoyed showing you around the classroom. For those who I have not met I look forward to it at upcoming events. Term 1 is well underway; we have enjoyed a hardworking start and hope the information provide below helps you.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or you can either put a note in with your child or catch me at the end of the day.

<p><b><u>Dates for your diary:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Parents Evening (1530-1830)</li> <li>* Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Parents Evening (1700-2000)</li> <li>* Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term</li> <li>* Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Inservice day (staff only)</li> <li>* P6P’s Class Assembly will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Timetable:</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday – <b>P.E.</b> with Mrs Bain and <b>German</b> with Frau Kaup</p> <p>Thursday – <b>Drama</b> with Class teacher</p> <p>Thursday and Friday – <b>I.C.T.</b> with Class teacher</p> <p>Thursday - <b>P.E.</b> with Class teacher</p> <p>Friday – <b>Art</b> with Class teacher</p> <p>We will also be involved in the ‘Daily Mile’ initiative</p>
<p><b><u>Homework:</u></b></p> <p>Homework will be issued each week on a Tuesday to be completed and returned by Friday. Activities will cover a variety of curricular areas and reinforce learning that is taking place in class.</p> <p>A homework discussion has been had with the class and from it we have all agreed the importance of trying to complete all activities. I also understand that all the children take part in different activities out of the school and sometimes homework might be as struggle. If this is the case, then can I please ask you to ask your child to record what they have been up to (diary form) to reflect on the skills they have been practicing/learning out with school.</p>	
<p><b><u>Topic:</u></b></p>	<p>Our topic this term will be ‘Rainforests’ where we will be researching the world’s main tropical forests including location, climate, ecosystems and threats to these environments.</p> <p>We will be reading ‘The Boy at the Back of The Class’ which will involve a lot of good discussion surrounding current topics that are happening around the world.</p> <p>In P.E. we will be focusing on cooperative games and hockey.</p> <p>We will also be looking at food choices and sustainability in our health and wellbeing context. This will include food tasting, please fill in the form below.</p> <p>Due to factors including training requirement, Bikeability will now be in term 4.</p>

**Numeracy:**

In Numeracy, we have been recapping on and revisiting important foundations. This will continue with the focus on both developing number skills and understanding of the language of Maths. In particular we'll be looking at place value (up to millions), rounding and tasks related building our problem-solving ability regarding the four major operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). Mental maths will focus on our ability to explain our strategies and thinking processes. We will also be working on our times table knowledge.

30<sup>th</sup> September-6<sup>th</sup> October is Scottish Maths Week and we will be looking to take part in some of the activities and challenges available as part of this.

**Literacy:**

Reading will be more independent this term with a range of activities for pupils to complete at home. This is to challenge and encourage pupils to have a choice of what they want to read in and out of class.

Spelling will follow the same theme of reading where pupils will be given a range of activities to encourage different ways to learn and spell unfamiliar words. These activity sheets should be in their homework books at all times.

The class will be focusing on writing linked to our topic. This will include poetry, persuasive techniques and report writing.

There will be various opportunities to develop the children's comprehension skills via topic work, our class novel and their group reading.

**A few things to remember:**

I am sure you are well versed by now in the school essentials, but here is a quick reminder!

- ✓ Writing pencils, rubber, ruler
- ✓ Group reading book/home-school book and independent reading book to be kept in class
- ✓ Outdoor jacket (every day)
- ✓ Please can the children bring their P.E. kits in to school on Monday and keep them in school all week. Please also ensure your child has a hair bobble if required and tape to cover earrings if they can't be removed. Fitbits or other smart watches should not be worn during P.E.
- ✓ A water bottle- to be taken home each night.

*Mr Pirie*

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Please complete the form below to indicate if your child has any food allergies

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has:                      no allergies    is allergic to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_