

P2P Newsletter!

Term 3 2019–2020

Welcome back everyone! I hope your winter holiday was full of warmth and joy. With the new year comes resolutions and the children have decided to (re)focus on the following four areas in class!

- + Be positive: Give it a go. Keep trying
- + Use the 'Golden Rule': Be kind to others
- + Make choices: Choose actions and words that help
- + Be a team: Work together to be awesome



This term we look forward to many activities including European Week in Early January, Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust lessons throughout the term, and investigating Lighthouses during our Context for Learning topic. We continue to use Seesaw as a school. We hope this tool helps families participate in their child's learning. As you already know, you can use Seesaw at home to engage with your child about their learning. Students are working on being able to explain what they are learning and doing, what they've done well, and what their next steps can be. Please let me know if you need any help with accessing Seesaw. As always, If you have any questions, concerns, or wish to discuss your child's learning, please feel free to get in touch, at the end of the day, through the school office, or through the home/school diary.

Weekly Schedule

AFCCT Football - Tuesdays with Stephen Boddie (21.01.20 - 17.03.20)

Science - Wednesdays with Ms Flett

French - Thursdays with Ms Henderson

PE - Fridays with Ms Nishina

Show and Share - Fridays

***Library** : Every other Wednesday. Our first visit was Wednesday, 15th January. Our second visit will be on the 29th January and then every other Wednesday after that.

Learning

This term our Context for Learning will be Lighthouses and the Lighthouse Keeper stories. In addition to a Trip to Fraserburgh Lighthouse and Museum, our learning will allow us to explore design features and technologies in our world, landscapes and environment both local and outwith, as well as give us the opportunity to choose and explore a range of expressive arts media to create images and objects. For literacy, we will focus on instructional writing and recipes as well as extend our understanding of imaginative writing. For Maths we will be learning about data management and measurement. Key numeracy skills include:

- +Reading, writing, ordering, and reciting whole numbers starting from any number
- +Skip counting forwards and backwards ie in 2s, 5s, 10s
- +Adding and subtracting multiples of 10
- +Using correct mathematical vocabulary such as subtract, add, sum of, total,
- +Using mathematical symbols appropriately +, - and =
- +Inverse operations (addition and subtraction)
- +The commutative law ie $6 + 3 = 3 + 6$
- +Solving a range of addition and subtraction problems
- +Explore repeated addition and repeated subtraction

Reading & Home-School Diary

Thank you for making reading a priority! As a reminder, please sign the children's diaries to show they have completed their reading. We use our reading books in class and the home school diary is an essential part of recording your child's reading. Children should have these items with them each day.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to all; future and past! As a reminder of current school procedures, party invitations may be given out by children themselves during their break time and are not the responsibility of class teachers. In addition, as we are a health promoting school and because of the presence of allergens/dietary restrictions among the children; treat bags and edible goodies should not be sent into school for distribution.

Notes

We hope to get outside as much as possible. Just as a reminder, children should come to school dressed appropriately for all weather conditions! Please ensure that all items of clothing, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, pencil cases, and bags **clearly labelled**. Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to class everyday and these should also be clearly labelled. We are working on changing quickly for our PE lessons! Please join me in encouraging the children to practice how to put on, zip, tie, buckle, and fasten clothing independently. Selecting clothing that is easy to put on ie trousers with elastic waists for PE days can be a frustration free option for those that are struggling. Devoting extra time to changing before and after sports activities means reducing the amount of 'time on task' especially as we share the hall with the rest of the school and other time tabled events. We hope to make the most of our time during the AFCCT lessons this term!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27 January	Theatre Group - Snow White
Thursday 13 February	School Holiday
Friday 14 February	School Holiday
Monday 17 February	School Holiday
Tuesday 18 February	In-Service Day
Wednesday 19 February	In-Service Day
Tuesday 25 February	Book Fair arrives in school
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Tuesday 17 March	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30
Thursday 19 March	Parents' Evening 5:00-8:00
Friday 20 March	World Down Syndrome Day
Thursday 2 April	World Autism Awareness Day
Friday 3 April	Easter Service at Kintore Church. End of Term 3

*Term 4 begins at 9.00am on Monday 20 April 2020

Thank you again for your support,

Ms Ivechika Nishina

