P3 Newsletter - Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,
It is so lovely to welcome you back. I hope everyone is well rested and ready for the new term!

Numeracy

We will continue to revise our addition and subtraction strategies and learn how to count and order numbers to a 1000. We will be working with coins and notes to £20, making money totals using different combinations of coins/notes. To improve speed and accuracy, we will continue to revise the recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will also be learning to tell analogue time to quarters (o'clock, quarter past, half past, quarter to) and digital time using am/pm. For additional revision, Topmarks also has some free maths games that your child can play online at home.

Literacy

We will be continuing with the Active Literacy programme to develop spelling, reading and writing. This term our writing focus will be on character descriptions and explanation texts. We will also be using a wider range of vocabulary, punctuation, connectives and openers in our writing. Any opportunities you can give for your child to write at home, such as writing birthday cards, stories or recipes would be a great experience for them. We will also continue to develop our reading strategies and comprehension skills through our daily reading activities. To further develop your child's reading, please try and visit the local library with your child to engage with a wider selection of books. To maintain your child's enthusiasm in the reading for enjoyment, they can also bring into school their own books and magazines.

IDL

Our planned Context of Learning for this term is The Vikings. This is always a fascinating history topic for the children and we would like to showcase our learning for you in our classroom later in November. Further details to follow.



Gym Sessions

Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please send your child ready for gym on these days. Dark coloured shorts/ leggings/ joggers, trainers, white polo shirt, and school jumper/ cardigan. No earrings or jewellery please and long hair should be tied up. We will be taking our PE session outside on a Thursday, so make sure your child comes prepared for our changeable Scottish weather.

Health & Wellbeing

We will be looking at how to keep safe and substance misuse which will include learning how to store and use medicines and other household substances safely.

Homework

Homework will continue to be uploaded weekly on Seesaw. Please encourage your child to use the app to post any work completed at home. Your child should also spend at least 20 mins per week on Sumdog in order to practice their maths skills.
Let me know if you require a Seesaw or Sumdog log in.

How can I help my child?

- Talk to your child about their new words for the week and try to use the words as much as possible. These will be posted on Seesaw each week.
- Encourage your child to use various connectives and openers when writing sentences.
- Practise reading books and tricky words daily.
- Encourage reading/sounding out words when out and about e.g., bus stops, shop names, menus.
- Complete weekly Sumdog challenges to earn coins!
- Select your child's lunch option each day. This saves us lots of valuable learning time in class.

Parents appointments

You will shortly be issued with an appointment to meet with me to discuss your child's progress. Meetings will take place on either Wednesday the 4th or Wednesday the 11th of November. Please let the school office know as soon as possible if there is a problem with your appointment time.

Christmas

The festive season will be upon us before we know it! Our class party will be on Tuesday 15th Dec.

Lost property

We are finding that a number of children are losing items in school almost every day. Please ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing/snack boxes/water bottles and encourage children to take care of their things.

I would like to thank you for your on-going support and as ever, if you have any concerns about your child, please contact me via the school office or the Seesaw app and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming parents' evening later on in November.

Kindest regards,

Ms Benzie