P4/3 Class Newsletter: Term 2

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful October break. This term we are looking forward to continuing to build on the great work our class has accomplished in Term 1. This has been greatly aided by your continual support.

This term several events and celebrations will be taking place as we enter the festive period, including Halloween, Diwali, and Christmas-related events. Key events to take note of are our **Winter Wonderland** event on **Thursday 3rd of December (4-7pm)**, and our class **Christmas party** on **Tuesday 15th December.**

Parents' Evening:

In November, our first parents' evenings will be taking place. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to find out how your child is progressing this year. Here are the dates and timings for these:

- Parents' evening 1: Wednesday November 4th - 17:00-19:30
- Parents' evening 2: Wednesday November 11th - 15:00-18:00

Literacy:

This term we will continue our progress with our Active Literacy Programme. The programme covers reading, phonics, and spelling, and our learners are continuing to work through this, supported by both teachers, as well as working independently.

As before, our reading programme will continue to focus on reading strategies. We will also continue to use a range of appropriate books and texts, both fiction and non-fiction, to strengthen learning.

In writing, we will continue to focus on developing our grammar, punctuation and Tools for Writing skills. For this, we will be using the VCOP approach, which covers vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. Listening and Talking activities will include circle time discussions through Time to Talk, as well as paired and group discussions.

Numeracy:

This term we will be continuing to apply strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. This will be integrated with real-life contexts, with a focus on money. We will also be continuing our work with fractions, with a focus on addition. Additionally, we will be covering concepts of time and probability.

PE Days:

This term our class PE days are changing to **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure your child is wearing their gym clothes on these days, with their school jumper on top. For safety, no jewellery should be worn on gym days, and long hair should be tied up. On Wednesdays, it would also be useful for children to bring a pair of indoor gym shoes.

IDL (Inter-disciplinary Learning):

This term we will focus on two key themes: Art through literacy and Religious and cultural celebrations. We will be creating artwork related to our class novel, The BFG, as well as learning about Diwali and St Andrew's Day.

Homework:

Homework will continue to be assigned on Seesaw each Monday and will be due for the Friday of that week. Homework is given for weekly spelling words, as well as numeracy.

Best regards,

Mr Black and Ms Ritchie

Class Teachers