**P2/3/4Newsletter TERM 1 2016-17**

Welcome back to school – hope you enjoyed a good break! Here are a few things and plans to share with all parents and children to help our class run smoothly.

Reminders –

An outdoor jacket is required every day because our weather is so changeable. The children will go outside most days.

Please check that all items of clothing are named.

Empty water bottles can be brought on a Monday. There is fresh water in the school fountain. These will be returned on a Friday for washing. **Do not bring filled!**

Any snack money should be in a named purse. This is removed from school bags and kept in a special box to help classroom organisation.

 A gym kit needs to be left in school Monday – Friday.

 Our P.E. lessons will be Tuesdays with Mrs Glennie . On these days I would appreciate if no school ties are worn. We will also be running a mile around our school grounds several times a week so a pair of trainers should be added to PE bags.

 A pair of wellies need to be left in school at all times

 Waterproof suits can be provided by school for outdoor learning activities.

HOMEWORK DIARIES

A new diary will be used for writing homework instructions as well as evaluating the day at school and what they have learned. Children will set targets and teachers may write comments about how children are behaving as well as learning.( This will replace the two jotters from last year)

READING

P2- set activities for reading aloud and comprehension activities will be written in the homework diary and also some completed in class.

P3/4 - This term there will be a major focus on developing reading skills using Roald Dahl’s novel

“The BFG”. The teacher will read this as a class novel and the children will have copies to share and analysis particular passages independently and in discussion groups.

No further reading books will go home for most children in P3/4 but please encourage them to read a chosen fiction/non fiction book or magazine independently.

TOPIC WORK

Science

·     Electricity, vibration and waves.

This will be taught by Mrs Sangster ( Visiting Teacher) who will work with P2/3/4 every second Wednesday afternoon this term.

Health and Wellbeing

·     Keeping Fit

·     Importance to mental health of being and having a good friend

·     ALEC (Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres) mobile classroom – “Meet the Brain”

Cross-curricular Topic work – Language, Art, Drama and Maths will be based around a major study this term on the Big Friendly Giant (The BFG)

 Spelling

Aberdeenshire Active Spelling will continue this term and each child will work at their own particular level after assessments

 Maths

P2,P3 and P4 will all be working their way through the First level of Curriculum for Excellence and be using Scottish Heinemann Maths 2, 3 or 4 and other appropriate resources ,depending on their stage of progress

I hope this is useful to you and feel free to contact me with any further queries. I look forward to seeing you at our “Meet the teacher” informal chat.

Best Wishes,

Mrs F Ingram