**P6/7 Newsletter TERM 1 2016-17**

Welcome back to school everyone! We hope you had a fantastic summer (seems like a long time ago now) and are ready for an exciting and busy new term. We are now a few weeks in and we would like to share with you all some of our ways of working and plans for this session.

Mrs Edwards will now be working with P6/7 on a Monday and a Tuesday, while Mrs Brown continues to work with the class the remainder of the week.

**PE**

The class will have two PE sessions with Mrs Glennie each week, one on Tuesday and the other every Wednesday. However, pupils should ensure that they have their PE kits with them every day in school. Girls with long hair should have it tied back for PE. The class are also going to be running a mile on a Tuesday and a Thursday, straight after lunch, alongside the other classes.

**Maths and Numeracy**

P6/7 have started this session looking at place value. Pupils will also be extending their knowledge on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We also plan to include mental maths sessions to improve pupils recall in a number of different areas, particularly the 6, 7, 8 & 9 times tables. The other topic that the pupils are looking at is area and perimeter.

**Literacy**

Language work will link in with our WWII topic this term. We will be watching excerpts from the film ‘Goodnight Mister Tom’, a moving story about a young evacuee boy. The pupils will be carrying out a variety of comprehension tasks and imaginative writing based on the film and book. Further language work will include grammar and punctuation exercises as well as handwriting practice. We shall be doing spelling on a Monday and a Tuesday, and words will go home on a Monday to be learned through the week, and a test will be given on a Friday.

**Thematic Work**

This term’s main topic is ‘Conflict’. With Mrs Brown, the pupils will be focussing on World War Two (Homefront), so if you have any interesting artefacts from that era we would love to add them to our class display. Activities will be varied, ranging from individual tasks to group research. We hope to visit The Gordon Highlander’s Museum and an air raid shelter in Aberdeen later in the term.

With Mrs Edwards, we shall be looking at Child Soldiers, Refugees and Landmines (as per the email), and linking this to Right Respecting Schools (RRS). We shall also be writing a Class Charter to which we can refer throughout the year. The ALEC Bus gave the class a wonderful lesson entitled “Friends” which was about being assertive, drugs and emotional needs. Follow-up work will be covered on this through activities on the SMART board, discussion and through weekly Circle Time, on a Tuesday afternoon, after PE.

**Homework**

Literacy homework will be issued on a Tuesday and will be due the following Monday. Homework will include a combination of spelling rules with associated words and a task to complete. Occasionally grammar and punctuation homework will also be handed out. Reading journals have also been issued and pupils have very clear instructions of what to do and when.

Maths homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and will be due for the following Wednesday, but can be handed in any time before then if complete. This will be tasks to support the maths the children are doing in class.

Additional tasks may also be set throughout the term. Pupils should ensure that homework is handed in on time and that it is completed to the best of their ability.

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If you wish to discuss anything at all throughout the term, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will happily arrange a time to meet with you.

P6/7 have got off to a great start this term and are proving to be a bright and motivated senior class!

**Mrs E Edwards and Mrs T Brown**