**P1/2 Newsletter TERM 1 2016-17**

Welcome to Primary 1/2 at Glenbervie school. We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are ready for the excitement and challenges of both Primary 1 and 2!

We thought it would be helpful to share with you now some of our routines, ways of working and what we have planned for the term ahead.

Literacy

Our Primary 1’s have already began our Active Literacy programme and are enjoying the challenges of learning new sounds and practising their formation.

Primary 2’s will begin by revising their initial sounds and will move on to blending them together as well as being able to write them.

Reading will be being sent home shortly with instructions and suggestions of ways to support your child.

Numeracy

The Primary 1’s will be following the TeeJay scheme for maths and will begin by looking at the numbers 0-5. We will be looking at the value, formation and positioning of these numbers through various different activities.

Primary 2’s will be using both Teejay and SHM for their maths work and will start with some revision from last session before moving on to extend their learning.

Thematic

To help the new Primary1’s to settle in, our class will begin with a mini topic on ‘People who care for us at school’.

‘Our Local Area’ will also be a focus where the pupils will learn about the village, both past and present.

The class will also be looking at the country France alongside learning its language, which will continue throughout the year.

Equipment

Gym Kits – Please ensure that your child has their gym kit with them every day at school. We recommend that it comes to school on a Monday morning and is taken home on a Friday to be washed.

Forest School – Please provide your child with suitable clothing for Forest School – waterproofs, wellies, gloves, hat and a change of clothes. Please ensure that everything is named.

Water bottles – These can be brought to school on a Monday and remain in school until Friday when they will be given home to be washed.

Please ensure that all clothing/items your child brings to school is labelled with their name and your child knows how to identify his/her own belongings.

Lunch

Lunches – If your child is to be staying for a school lunch it would be helpful if you could each day let them know the choices before they arrive in school. Alternatively a packed lunch can be brought to school if your child prefers.

School Pick Up

Can we please ask that when collecting your child from school you come all the way into the playground. This will allow staff members to ensure the safety of the children.

If your child is to be picked up by someone else please inform the school before the end of the day.

Homework

Please check your child’s homework diary on a daily basis for homework that has been assigned. You can also use these diaries for any non-urgent messages you wish to pass on.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and would like to emphasise that if you have any questions/queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

Mrs G Cerretti and Mrs L McConachie