**P1/2/3 Newsletter TERM 1 2015-16**

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 Tuesday (Miss Munro P.E. Specialist) & Thursday (Class Teacher). On these days I would appreciate if no school ties are worn.

 A pair of wellies need to be left in school at all times. Please send in a pair that fits.

 Waterproof suits are provided by school.

Reading Days Generally there will be set days for reading aloud.

 Other reading activities will take place throughout every day.

Spelling Aberdeenshire Active Spelling will continue in class this term.

 New phonemes (sounds) and words of the week will be given home to practise in a homework jotter and the knowledge tested at the end of most weeks. Homework needs handed back by Friday.

Writing

We will follow our set school grid and link this to topics appropriate for the week. P1 will work on black pen pictures and have their work scribed to encourage detail.

Library Books -

Children will get a chance to choose a book to take home most Thursdays and can return it the next Thursday to change if they wish. P2/3 will also have a personal reader for quiet reading times left in class.

Maths

P1 will follow the Early Level Curriculum set by Curriculum for Excellence, we will use TeeJay Maths resources to help support.

P2/3 will follow the First Level and use Scottish Heineman Maths (SHM) 2 or 3.

TOPIC WORK

 My family –Health

 Friendship – Health

 Clubs & Groups – Health

 Houses & Homes – Geography

 Materials & Structures – Science

 Friends of Jesus – R.M.E.

 Harvest Festivals – R.M.E.

Expressive Arts

 Music/ French with Mrs. Edwards

 Drama/Art linked to topic work

I hope this is useful to you and feel free to contact us through the Home School Notebook with any further queries.

Best Wishes,

Mrs F Ingram