**P6/7 Newsletter TERM 1 2017-18**

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

Mrs Ingram will now be working with P6/7 on a Monday and Tuesday, while Mrs Brown continues to work with the class the remainder of the week. Mrs Edwards will also be taking the class for certain subjects, such as PE, Music and RME.

**PE/Health and Wellbeing**

The class will have two PE sessions each week, one on Wednesday with Mrs Edwards and the other every Friday. 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 and children wearing earrings should take them out or cover them with tape.

**Cycling**: This term the pupils will be starting Bikeability. This will take place every Friday afternoon.

**Maths and Numeracy**

P6/7 have started this session looking at Place Value. Pupils will also be extending their knowledge of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We plan to include mental maths sessions to improve pupils’ recall in a number of different areas, particularly the 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 times tables. The other topic that the pupils are studying is Area and Perimeter.

**Literacy**

Language work will link in with our Space/ Medieval Scotland Topic. The pupils will be carrying out a variety of tasks aimed at extending their comprehension & research skills. There will also be plenty of opportunities for story writing & poetry. Further language work will include grammar and punctuation exercises as well as handwriting practice. Spelling homework will be issued on a Monday; words should be learned throughout the week, and a test will be given on a Friday.

**Thematic Work**

This term the pupils will be doing a novel study: ‘The Iron Man’; this will lead into a Science topic on Space/Planets.

The class will also be studying ‘Medieval Scotland’. This topic will focus on castles and castle life, as well as finding out about two key figures in Scottish history: William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. Later in the term, we hope to visit Drum Castle to look at the medieval tower.

**Homework**

Spelling Homework will be issued every Monday and should be handed in on a Friday.

Reading journals will be issued and monthly homework tasks set; we always encourage pupils to read as widely as possible at home as this reaps huge benefits.

Maths homework will be sent home regularly. Tasks will aim to support the Maths the children are doing in class.

Pupils should ensure that homework is handed in on time and that it is completed to the best of their ability. **Can parents please sign all completed homework!**

Pupils will be encouraged to write down all homework tasks in their Home/School Diaries. Please ensure that they have these in their school bags **every day.** Each Friday the children and will evaluate their own learning and reflect on how their week has gone.

**Stationery:** Please ensure that your child has a pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil case and sharpener each day in class.

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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.

**Mrs F Ingram and Mrs T Brown**