**P6/7 Newsletter TERM 1 2015-16**

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.

Miss Lynch will continue to work with P6/7 on a Monday and a Tuesday with Mrs Brown working with the class the remainder of the week.

**Visiting Specialists**

Miss Munro our PE specialist will be working with P6/7 on a Tuesday. The class will have their second PE session on a Wednesday; however pupils should ensure that they have their PE kits with them every day in school.

A very warm welcome to Mrs Edwards who has joined the Glenbervie team on a Friday and will be covering a mixture of music and French with the class.

Mrs Campbell our strings instructor will be visiting on a Thursday to teach violin and viola to those pupils who take lessons.

**Maths and Numeracy**

P6/7 have started this session exploring angles and 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.

**Literacy**

Our focus this term is the popular children’s novel ‘The Iron Man’ written by Ted Hughes. This theme will be extremely interdisciplinary, allowing the children the chance to explore the themes in the book through a variety of different contexts. Once complete the pupils will create their own sci-fi stories using the skills and strategies that they have learned.

**Thematic Work**

P6/7 are enjoying our topics this term and have been extremely motivated. Pupils have shown enthusiasm when learning about space and the solar system as well as when exploring Medieval Scotland and castles. We have a number of very exciting lessons planned to engage the children and hope to have some visitors/trips bring these topics alive!

**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 a proving to be a great senior class!

**Miss G Lynch and Mrs T Brown**