Welcome back everyone! We hope you all managed to find some time to relax and enjoy the lovely weather over the summer.

**Staffing**

The working pattern for our class with be, Mr Tattersall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday then Mrs Sangster Thursday and Friday. We will be supported by Mrs Riddoch, Mrs Milne and Mrs Anderson at various times throughout the week. Mrs Reekie will continue to work with groups and in class in ASN role.

**Seesaw**

We will be continuing to use Seesaw this session to record the learning throughout the school. You will have received an email with a link to allow you to join your child’s journal. If you would like to add another family member to the journal, please message us through messenger service in Seesaw with the additional email address.

Seesaw can be used as a way of communication for non-urgent messages, please continue to contact the office for anything that needs addressed urgently or to report an absence.

**Water bottles**

Children are encouraged to have water bottles in school every day, these can be refilled throughout the day at the water fountain. Bottles should be labelled with their names to avoid confusion.

**Gardening**

After a lot of hard work from the previous 2 years our garden is in great condition and producing a variety of vegetables. We will continue this legacy and strive to make the garden an enterprise opportunity for the children.

We plan to garden every Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing (we will garden in the rain too) and come prepared with gardening gloves if they have.

If you are free on a Thursday morning and would be willing to give up a bit of your time, please drop Mrs Sangster a message on Seesaw. Any help would be very much appreciated!

**PE**

For term 1 PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday. For this term we are continuing to ask that the children come in their PE kit but with a school jumper on top.

**Opportunities for Extended Learning**

We are moving away from the traditional weekly homework tasks. As an alternative we will provide tasks which can be used at home to extend learning in an active way and develop life skills. These can be completed over the course of the term and evidence can be in the form of a photo uploaded onto their Seesaw profile, or a message from parents to say it’s been achieved. We hope this change will take away the stress we know homework creates.

We look forward to working in partnership with you. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Regards,

Mr Tattersall & Mrs Sangster