**Primary 3/4 Newsletter**

Welcome back to P3/4! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and are looking forward to a busy term ahead! This is what we will be learning about this term.

**Topic**

Our topic this term is based on Money and Enterprise. We will be improving our group work skills in order to create a candle to sell at the Christmas Fair. This will involve designing a candle, advertising the candle and working out the cost. We will be learning about the different jobs involved in a business.

**Maths**

For the first four weeks in Maths the Circles will be focusing on addition and subtraction, the Squares will focus on subtraction and multiplication, the Pentagons and Triangles will focus on multiplication and division. We will then all move onto to focus on money. In Practical Maths we will be learning about measurement. The class will also use ‘Big Maths’ throughout the week to improve mental calculations. Keep practising the Term 1 and 2 Learn Its!

**Language**

In spelling we will be following the Active Literacy programme. The Diamonds will study different phonemes, each covering a two-week period and then learn common words on the third week. The Rubies will learn a new sound each week. In writing we will be learning how to write instructions and a recount of an event in chronological order. In reading, we will be studying some non-fiction texts and we will be learning how to take notes!

**Science**

This term in Science we will be focusing on electricity. We will be learning about sources of electricity and circuits!

**Timetable**

I will take the class for PE on a Monday and Tuesday, Mr Galbraith will take the class for PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure gym kits are in school on these days and are named. Mrs Brown will take the class for Music on a Wednesday. Mrs Lamb will also be in class on a Wednesday to teach the class RME. She will be focusing on Christianity this term. Library will be on a Friday, please ensure your child has their book for this day.

**Homework**

Spelling (and Maths for Primary 4) homework will be set on a Monday with both being collected on a Thursday. For spelling homework the children will have to write out their words three times and complete an activity with their spelling words which you will find at the front of your child’s homework jotter. Reading will be heard in class on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and homework pages will be set on these days. Your child should bring their reading book to school every day. The reading records are an ideal place to make any comment on how you felt your child read. The children may also receive topic related homework throughout the term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office if you have any concerns, queries or something you would like to discuss.

Thank you

Mrs Stephen