**Primary 3/4 Newsletter**

Welcome back to P3/4! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to the term ahead! This is what we will be learning about this term.

**Topic**

This term for Topic we will be focusing on Social Studies. Primary 3 will be learning about Aberdeen through the story Apardion- A Leopard’s Quest. Apardion (the leopard) learns about Aberdeen by visiting different landmarks and meeting different characters. P3 will learn about the different landmarks in Aberdeen along with Apardion!

Primary 4 will be learning about the Vikings alongside Mrs Torren’s class. They will be learning about Viking Invasion, how they travelled and Viking beliefs.

**Maths**

For the first four weeks in Maths we will be learning about Time. The Pentagons and Triangles will be learning to tell the time on a digital and analogue clock. The Squares and Circles will be learning to tell the time on an analogue clock. We will then all move onto to focus on algebra and patterns. The class will also use ‘Big Maths’ throughout the week to improve mental calculations.

**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 a personal piece of writing. We will be learning how to improve our writing through using good examples of vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. We will also learn the different features of a newspaper. In reading, we will be studying both fiction and non- fiction texts. We will be learning to answer different types of questions such as inference questions.

**Science**

This term in Science we will be focusing on forces. We will be learning how to measure a force and how to ensure our experiments are fair!

**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. Primary 4 will have swimming on a Wednesday from the 18th of January up to and including the 29th of March. As well as this Primary 3 will receive football lessons for 6 weeks from Red Start on a Wednesday. On a Tuesday, Miss Luo will be in class to teach the children Mandarin. 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 Sikhism 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. At the back of your child’s homework jotter you will find a chart where your child will record their Big Maths and Spelling Test results for the week. 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