**Primary 3/4 Newsletter**

Welcome back to P3/4! I hope you all had a relaxing Easter holiday! This is what we will be learning about this term.

**Topic**

This term for Topic we will be focusing on Health and Wellbeing. Primary 3 will be learning about the Body. We will be investigating our internal organs, what they are and what they do. We will be learning about similarities and differences that we can inherit including finger prints and eye colour. We will also be investigating how diseases are spread.

Primary 4 will be learning about Food with Mrs Torrens. Primary 4 will investigate nutritional needs at different stages of life, food journeys and how advertising can impact our food choices. Primary 4 will also be learning about Fair Trade.

**Maths**

This Term we will begin with a focus on number work. The Pentagons and Triangles will learning the 8 and 9 times tables. The Squares will be consolidating their knowledge of division with remainders and learning to multiple up to a two digit number. The circles will be developing their knowledge of division with remainders. We will also focus on angles and data handling. 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 persuasive piece of writing. We will be learning how to write a letter and the different features of a letter. In reading, we will be studying both fiction and non- fiction texts. Primary 4 will begin a novel study based on the novel “The Hundred- Mile An- Hour Dog” by Jeremy Strong. We will be learning how to take the main points of the story and turn this into a summary. We will also be learning how to find new words in a dictionary.

**Science**

This term in Science we will be focusing on sound. We will be learning about how sound travels.

**Timetable**

Mrs Lamb will take the class for PE on a Thursday. Please ensure gym kits are in school for this day and are named. 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. 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