**Primary 4/5 Newsletter**

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

**Topic**

Our topic this term is based on Enterprise and Business. We will be learning about the different jobs involved in a business. We will be looking closely at our skills to find out what jobs we would like to do! As part of our Enterprise we will have to design, advertise and cost our product that we will be selling at the Christmas Fair.

**Maths**

This term in Maths each group will be focusing on money. The Pentagons and Squares will be learning how to add and subtract different amounts of money using a decimal point. The Triangles will be focusing on adding coins and giving change. Each group will also be learning about Symmetry and finding the missing signs and numbers in equations. Please remember to use the ‘Learn Its’ that were sent home in Term 1.

**Language**

In spelling we will be following the Active Literacy programme. The Rubies and Sapphires will continue to study different phonemes, each covering a two-week period. They will also study spelling rules and common words. The Diamonds and Emeralds will learn a new phoneme each week and also study common words.

Primary 4’s will complete reading comprehensions in class based on their reading book. Primary 5’s will complete reading comprehensions in class based on the novel ‘The Invisible Boy’ by Sally Gardner.

In writing this term we will be looking at the different features of Instructions and Newspaper reports. We will continue to use Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation to improve our writing.

**Timetable**

We have a very busy timetable this term! Mrs Mathieson will be in class on a Tuesday for Science. This term’s focus will be on the Solar System. Mrs Brown will take the class on a Wednesday for singing. Gym will be on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure gym kits are in school on these days and are named. Library will be on a Tuesday, please ensure your child has their book for this day. Primary 4 will continue swimming on a Thursday.

**Homework**

Spelling and Maths 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 Tuesday and Thursday for the Red and Pink reading groups. The Purple, Yellow and Blue reading groups will be heard on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 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