**Primary 4/5 Newsletter**

Welcome back to P4/5! This is what we will be learning about this term.

**Topic**

Our topic this term is based on Health and Wellbeing. Primary 4 will be learning about Food. We will be learning about where food comes from, hygiene with food and different food and meals from different countries. Primary 4 will then learn about Fair Trade. Primary 5 will be learning about Living and Growing and how smoking affects health.

**Maths**

This term in Maths each group will be focusing on measuring. We will learn how to measure using cm,m, ml, l, g and kg. We will then develop our knowledge and understanding of information handling including how to interpret graphs. Please remember to use the Big Maths ‘Learn Its’ that were sent home in Term 1.

**Language**

In spelling we will be following the Active Literacy programme. The Rubies and Emeralds will study different phonemes, each covering a two-week period. They will also study spelling rules and common words over a two-week period. The Diamonds will learn a new phoneme each week and also study common words. The Sapphires will be learning about different homophones, words that sound the same but are spelt differently.

This Term both Primary 4 and Primary 5 will be reading a class novel. Primary 4 will be reading ‘The Hundred- Mile- An – Hour Dog’ by Jeremy Strong. Primary 5 will be reading ‘Billionaire Boy’ by David Walliams. The Red, Pink, Yellow and Purple reading groups will have comprehension questions based on the class novel they are reading. The Green and Blue reading groups will continue to have comprehension questions based on their reading book.

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

**Timetable**

This term Mrs Mathieson will be in class on a Tuesday for RME. This term’s focus will be Islam and Hinduism. 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. Please ensure jewellery can be taken off or taped over on Gym days.

**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, Blue and Green 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.

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