Primary 5P newsletter – September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year and new term! I will be your child’s teacher this year, Miss Petrie. The children will also be supported in class by Mrs Rhodie and Miss Keith.

During term 1, we will be reading a class novel, The Invisible Boy. The children will be engaged in whole class reading sessions and will complete tasks based on the novel to deepen their understanding of the text.

As we have begun reading, the children have shown an interest in learning about the Moon so we will be linking our learning to other subjects such as Science, Expressive Arts, History and Social Studies.

In Maths this term, the children will be working on place value, multiplication tables and symmetry. They will also continue to follow the “Big Maths” programme to improve their mental calculations where they take part in a weekly CLIC challenge and Total Recall Challenge to improve their personal scores.

In reading and spelling, the children follow the Active Literacy Programme alongside the Reflective Reading strategies which will improve their skills in understanding of a text. Furthermore, they will continue to follow the Big Write Programme which allows children to focus on up levelling writing by using vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. We are all very excited about our new library which will be opening very soon. We will visit the library weekly so that the children have an opportunity to take books home or leave in class for ERIC time (Enjoy Reading in Class).

Just a reminder of any other information you may find useful:

* **Our timetable:** We have PE on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has their PE kits for those days. A reminder that jewellery should be taken out or covered with a plaster for these days.
* **Reading:**
* Groups 1, 2 and 3 will have reading on a **Monday and Thursday**. Groups 4 and 5 will have reading on a **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday.** Please ensure you **sign** your child’s reading record when completed at home.
* **Homework:** Maths and spelling homework will be given out every **Monday** and should be handed in on **Thursday**. Maths homework is a consolidation of what your child has been learning in class and should never be anything new. If there is an issue with homework, please ensure your child speaks with me before Thursday to ensure it is handed in on time. Please leave me a comment in their jotter if you have any questions regarding the homework.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries and I look forward to meeting you at parents evening.

Miss Petrie