**Home Information Sheet P4-7 Term one Mrs Mullen**

Welcome to the Primary 4-7 newsletter, we hope you all had a great summer! Another busy term is already underway and the pupils have quickly settled back in, are establishing routines and are working hard to demonstrate what is expected in the big class. We are so happy to see you all back at school and the warmest of welcomes to our new pupils in Primary one!

**Numeracy**

This term pupils will be focussing on; place value, partitioning numbers, rounding, patterns and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In mental maths we will be working on using different strategies for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Please encourage your child to access Education City at home to help with their numeracy development. As well as this, helping your child consolidate their times tables and number bonds will benefit them enormously.

**Interdisciplinary Learning**

Our first IDL context for this term will be based around our book study of Charlotte’s Web where we have been exploring all things arachnid and then we will be moving onto our exciting Electricity topic.

**Literacy**

This term reading skills will be developed through our class novel, ‘Charlotte’s Web’, Accelerated Reader tasks and Guided Reading. Pupils will bring home their Guided Reading books during this term with pages to be read as part of homework. In writing pupils will be focussing on recount writing, developing their use of descriptive language and writing reports. Talking and listening will be developed through our book study, during circle time and at gathering where the children will have opportunities to share their learning.

**Look out for…**

Our P4-7 pupils will be taking part in a reading challenge.

Developing a love of reading at a young age can give children a life-long interest and is an excellent strategy to help them regulate their emotions and energy. The children will have free choice of what they read. The Reading Challenge puts a focus on reading for pleasure and children will be more excited about reading if they're reading something that motivates them. More details to follow soon.

**P.E Outdoor Learning**

P.E will be on a Monday and a Tuesday. Pupils should bring their P.E. kit in a bag on Monday and keep it in school until Friday when it can be taken home to be washed over the weekend.

We will be regularly engaging with our outdoor learning environment and so by keeping PE kits in school all week the children are prepared for every eventuality. Please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof every day.

**Health and Wellbeing**

Our focus in H&WB will be getting used to school routines again and building independence, maturity and responsibility as we step into the shoes of role models.

Our SHANARRI focuses are Active and Achieving. For active the children have decided they would like to plan, organise and run lunchtime clubs. For achieving we will be reflecting on each week and identifying what makes us feel proud. We will be also looking at how to keep our bodies healthy.

In PE pupils will be focussing on possession ball games, fitness and as a school we will all be completing the regional Active Schools Challenge.

**Skills Based Learning**

We are always keen to hear about your child’s wider achievements outside of school. Please encourage them to share these with us and email in any evidence of these which we could use to celebrate their success.

In school each term we will be focusing on developing a new skill which will be worked on over a four week block. This term our focus is building fitness.

**Things to remember:**

* Water bottle/sun cream daily
* Full P.E kit to be in school Monday–Friday
* Please encourage your child to be responsible for their personal organisation and resources
* Please engage in reading with your child
* Homework is issued on a Monday and is to be handed in on Friday
* Please help with completing homework and return homework bag to school each day
* Please ask your child about their weekly challenge and their Friday ‘Proud’ award
* Please sign and return Learning Journeys and discuss what they have been learning throughout the week.

**Modern Languages**

In term one, we will be revising previous learning such as greetings, numbers and days of the week and then be moving onto colours, classroom objects and describing appearance.

