



P5/6/7 Newsletter
Term 1 August - October
2016



Welcome back to a New School Year!

It's super to see all the children back in school looking happy, rested and ready to begin the challenges of a new school year. We have lots planned and I am looking forward to working with both you and your child(ren).

Don't Forget...

Please remember to bring homework wallets, reading books and diaries into school **every day**. Diaries are a good way to communicate via home/school. Please let your child know if there's a note for the class teacher to see please.

P.E. Tuesday and Friday. Please bring kit suitable for both inside and outside sports.

Library Time Wednesday. Please return books to change/renew, each week.

Homework: Please supervise your child, as they complete their homework.

Spelling - given on **Monday**. Return on **Friday**.

Reading – recorded in diaries.

Maths – given on a Wednesday. Return on **Monday** for review/discussion.

Big Talk – Given on **Friday** to prepare for **Tuesday's Big Write**.

Important Info...

We expect to be doing lots of our learning outside this term. We will also be continuing with our Daily Mile - 'The Road to Rio'! Please don't forget to bring a waterproof coat (and wellies if appropriate) every day. Even if it is sunny in the morning, it may be wet later in the day and we still want to be able to go outside!

School jumpers – we have only been back at school a few days and jumpers are being lost or not claimed. Please ensure ALL your children's clothing is clearly labelled with their name.

Please provide a **water bottle** marked with your child's name. This will be kept in class, in a water bottle tray and returned home, for washing, each Friday.

Letters/notes from home – it is important in P5/6/7 to ensure children are developing good independence skills. All children are required to ensure that they bring return slips and letters from home, without the need for the teacher to remind them to look for them in their bags. Homework folders/bags will not be checked by the teacher. Please encourage your child to be organised when coming into class in the morning by letting them know if there are letters to be seen and they are placed in the special plastic 'bucket', near the classroom door

Special Events/Activities/News

This term's learning:

Maths – Extending knowledge and understanding in Number and number processes. Mental maths strategies. Group and individual activities. Outdoor learning.

Literacy – Extending spelling skills and strategies. Big Writing, Big Talk. Developing Listening and Talking skills. Guided Reading. Accelerated Reading. Improving flow and consolidating joins in Handwriting. Library Time.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) – Whole School Mini Topic 'The Olympics', Main topic – Brazil and contrasting it with Scotland; their cultural and natural identity.

Health & Wellbeing (HWB) – 2 hours of P.E. each week, Outdoor Learning. The Daily Mile. Making and Keeping Friends; characteristics that make a good friend. Star Pupil, House Points, Class Dojo.

Widening Experiences – Friday Fun Time, weekly French. Assemblies. Whole School Celebration Days. After School Clubs.

Positive behaviour and pupil well-being:

Star Pupil – As well as attaining points towards their House and towards rewards for themselves and the class, in Class Dojo, each week I will choose a pupil to receive the 'Star Pupil' wristband and prize. The pupil chosen will have stood out, during the course of the week, as someone who demonstrates one or more of the school's core values; hard work, respect, responsibility, honesty and equality. Even at this early stage in the term I'm confident that I will have no trouble finding pupils who are consistent achievers in these areas!

Working in partnership with our families:

Please contact the School Office for a face to face or telephone appointment if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Sarah Turner

No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, you are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying.

Tony Robbins

