**P6/7 Newsletter August 2021**

Hello and welcome to P6/7 for our new session. We hope you will find this newsletter useful.

Health and Wellbeing

Attached is our timetable for the term. As you can see we have PE on a Monday and Thursday. As restrictions have lifted pupils are now required to change for PE. The kits have to be taken home weekly to be washed. My suggestion would be to bring PE kit on a Monday and take it home for washing on Thursday afternoon. We are learning to work in teams, ball skills and skipping this term.

Also as part of the Health and Wellbeing area of the curriculum we are learning about thinking skills via Philosophy for Children, keeping ourselves safe and substance abuse.

Literacy

We are very lucky this term to have an extra pair of hands to teach writing. Mrs Garret and I are sharing the teaching of writing and we hope the fact that more attention is available for each pupil will mean even better results can be achieved in this area.

Reading continues to be an important aspect of school and to help everyone improve we will be reading a class novel, a personal book of choice from the school library or home and each pupil will have a reading book in school. If you can, encourage your child to read anything at home-magazines, recipes, instructions, non fiction and obviously fiction if you can get them to engage.

Numeracy

Topics to be studied this term are area, volume, perimeter, symmetry and place value. Not as a main focus, but as an extra, we will continue revising the four number processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be using Sumdog, a variety of mental maths activities and some practical activities too, as well as discussion and textbooks to deliver the maths curriculum.

You can help your child immensely in their numeracy if you can help them learn their times tables. Most learners at our level are capable of memorising them and will need to know them well in order to do all sorts of calculations. It is soul destroying for learners when they see their peers whizzing through maths calculations and they are struggling. Often all they need to do to improve, is learn their times tables- it does their self confidence the world of good. We do try in school to commit some numeracy time to this but reinforcement at home works wonders.

CC

You will see on the timetable something called CC. This is cross curricular learning. It means we will be studying a topic but many areas of the curriculum will be involved in this learning. We are studying Woodlands to start with in term 1 and it will involve science, literacy, numeracy, art, technology. It’s a bit like the old topic or project learning that we used to do.

And Finally

We will still be using Google Classroom as a means of home/ school communication and this will be set up again very soon. Homework will be delivered on this.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about your child’s learning or experience at school. Leave a message with Jenny in the office and I will get back to you.

MRS BEATON

P.S. This is the only teacher led newsletter of the session- the next three will be compiled by children……..stand by!!