

### Health and Wellbeing

- Physical Education (PE) will be on Monday or Tuesday afternoons. Once again, your child will need a PE kit before being able to participate in PE classes, and it would be helpful if this could be left in school as it may be used at other times in the week.
- We will also be using a new resource called Jigsaw in class and this term we will be focusing on how everyone is different and celebrating these differences.



### And finally ....

Homework will continue as last term. Just to recap, the homework will generally be as follows:

- **Reading** will continue as it did last term, with the children selecting a book of their choice for reading at home while we use the reading scheme books within school. The children will continue to choose books from within the school library this term, however if there is a book at home which your child would like to read please let me know and we can discuss this. I will also be encouraging the children to choose different authors this term, rather than reading books written by the same person, just to widen their experience of different styles of writing.
- **Spelling** will be taught in class each Monday. We all learn in different ways and I hope the children will choose a method of learning their spelling that best suits their learning style.
- **Maths** homework will be given to reinforce the work undertaken in class during the previous week. This will ensure the children understand the work given, and by sharing this with you will consolidate their learning.

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail or telephone if you need to do so - as I have said before I welcome communication with parents and feel this is beneficial to all concerned, particularly the children. Please note however that contact by e-mail is not a secure method of communication so please do not include any private or confidential information if contacting me this way. My e-mail address is: [mharee.rendall@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:mharee.rendall@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk).

Our class blog is still in place at the moment, however this will be changing soon and we will be using a new way of sharing our learning in class. I will be sending a letter home about this within the next few weeks, as I don't want to bombard you with new webpages etc at this point in time!



Primary Four

Term Two 2016 / 2017

Welcome back to Term Two! I can't believe we are into November already and will be starting to think about Christmas soon! This is a very busy term so I have no doubt that it will just fly.

We have all enjoyed Term One and have settled well into the routine of the classroom. I am delighted with how the year has started and both the children and I are very much looking forward to the learning opportunities which lie ahead this term.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns as we go through the term please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Ms Mharee Rendall  
Class Teacher

### The learning opportunities for this term will include:

#### Language

- We will be continuing to build on the skills we learnt last term, which include:
  - improving the content of our writing by adding detail, description and using a variety of sentence structures;
  - using accurate spelling and punctuation;
  - thinking about our presentation and letter formation in all our work;
  - learning how to use a range of grammar to make our writing more interesting;
- We will also be looking at different forms of writing, to include:
  - continuing a story in the same style as the writer;
  - report writing;
  - writing acrostic poems;
  - writing newspaper reports;
  - writing imaginative stories.

As I am sure you will appreciate, this is not a comprehensive list of what we will be learning but rather is intended to give you a rough idea of what we are doing in class.



#### Mathematics

As with Language, we will continue to reinforce and build on our previous learning. Specifically, we will be looking at the following areas this term:

- fractions;
- measurement (finishing off from Term 1);
- money.



#### Science

One of our projects for this term is Space, which will include looking at and investigating:

- the different planets within the solar system and where the Earth fits into this;
- the scientific approach to how the Earth was created;
- the importance of the sun to life on Earth;
- the different phases of the moon and how the moon affects the earth;
- humans in space.

If the children would like to bring in any books or materials this would be most welcome.

#### Expressive Arts

- Art will be on Friday mornings.
- Music will be on Tuesday mornings.



Your child will still need a painting apron (or old t-shirt/shirt) that they can use in order to protect their clothing during Art lessons, and it would be helpful if this could be left in school.

#### Religious and Moral Education

This term we will focus on Christmas, investigating the following questions: Some of the stories we will be learning include:

- Which stories about the life of Jesus are associated with Christmas?
- Why do people who aren't Christians celebrate Christmas?
- How is Christmas portrayed in music and film?

