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Primary 7 Newsletter September 2021

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Welcome Back to P7 from Mr Johanson!

Although we aren't back to full normality yet, I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer despite the continued challenges posed by Covid. I would like to extend a really warm welcome to the families I will be working with this year.

It has been wonderful getting to know the P7s over the initial weeks of the term. I am delighted to be teaching P7 this year and looking forward to having an amazing year.

I am ambitious for every pupil in the class and confident that we will have a successful year. I am looking forward to a wide range of exciting and engaging learning experiences. I am confident P7 will be a brilliant year as we work together to be the best we can be.

Class Behaviour Expectations

At the start of the session we asked ourselves what classroom rules do we think will help everybody to learn and be happy. The class brainstormed rules that they thought were important. These are the rules that P7 decided were the most important:

1. Be kind and respectful to everyone in our community.
2. Do not bully.
3. Be polite and not interrupt others when listening.
4. To be the best we can be!!
5. Help others when they are struggling.
6. Make sure everyone is safe.
7. Share your opinions!

Positive Behaviour

In P7 we are using a behaviour chart. Pupils will get moved up the chart for following the class rules, approaching learning

Homework

While we understand that family life can be hectic, we do appreciate your efforts to complete homework tasks. All homework is intended to reinforce learning that has taken place in class. Homework tasks will now be posted on Seesaw. A homework grid will be posted as a Seesaw activity on Monday 27th September. There will be weekly spelling and numeracy activities. If you feel you need any advice or support in order to help your child with their homework, let me know.

PE and Outdoor Learning

PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. Due to current guidelines we are unable to provide changing facilities at this time. Learners can come dressed for PE on the days allocated above. As we move into Autumn and the temperatures and weather begin to change, please ensure your child brings a suitable outdoor jacket to support with outdoor learning.

Teaching and Learning

We will be working extremely hard to raise attainment levels in numeracy and literacy. We will build on the children's prior knowledge and then move forward.

- Literacy: We will read Kid Normal as our class novel and focus on issues raised throughout including friendship and making positive choices.
- Numeracy: Numeracy is taught daily. On Monday we focus on number structure and sequences. Tuesday we work on +/-. Wednesday we use \times/\div strategies. Thursdays we develop algebra skills. On Fridays we learn about fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Maths: Our termly focus in maths is measure (perimeter, area, volume, capacity, weight and length) and angles.
- Health and Wellbeing: Our HWB focus is zones of regulation. This will enable pupils to reflect on their emotional wellbeing and develop the skills needed to be resilient and tackle challenges.
- Science: Our science topic is chemical reactions.

positively and being helpful. I work hard to continually give positive reinforcement and support an ethos of aspiration. If a pupil gets to the top of the chart I will ask them at the end of the day what is they think they did so brilliantly. I will summarise this discussion on a certificate.

Home-School Communication

If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. We are trying to minimize the chance of Covid-19 being spread in the playground at the start and end of the school day. Therefore, please arrange a phone call with me to deal with any issues rather than speaking in the playground. If I have any concerns about wellbeing or if there was an incident in the day that I think you should be aware of I will make a call.

Seesaw

I will continue to use seesaw in P7. Every pupil has been given login information. Family login information will be handed out week beginning 27th September. Seesaw is a brilliant resource to share learning and celebrate achievement. We have been using it regularly in class.

- If you need to tell your child about where to go at the end of the day please phone the office. There is no guarantee I will see the comment before the end of the day.
- If you have any questions or concerns please phone the school office to arrange a phone call with me. It is usually much more straightforward to address concerns over the phone rather than through Seesaw commenting.
- Please do not post using your child's account. Their journal is intended to be a record of their development and achievement throughout the year.

I would love if you commented and liked your child's work. It is a wonderful way to build their self-esteem. Please use seesaw posts to discuss what your child has been learning about in school. If you are enjoying the way seesaw is being used or have any ideas please let me know!