

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you are all doing well. I am pleased to say that the P7 children can all be very proud of how they have started this academic year. It will be a very busy year with lots of hard work ahead, but we make a great team and I have no doubt they will all be very successful if they keep up their efforts.

General Reminders.

The school will continue to use **email** as a general way of communication – please make sure you have read everything that comes out from school.

Can you please also ensure you check **SeeSaw** regularly, and also use this as a means of communication with myself. We have sent out details of how to join if you are currently not on the system.

I encourage the children to drink water and stay hydrated throughout the day, but **they will need their own bottle** in school for this. This bottle should be **taken home and washed every day** for hygiene purposes.

Please make sure your child also has a **jumper / top, as well as a coat in school**. Not only will this be essential as the weather gets worse, but a top is also really important, as we have to keep the windows open in school for ventilation during the pandemic i.e. it might be a bit cooler in school because of this, and the children will want to wear a top to keep themselves warm in class.

What's covered this term.

Here's some of the areas of learning we are covering this term in P7...

Literacy	Writing in a range of genres, in both fiction and non-fiction e.g. Writing an alternative chapter, creating a diary and persuasive writing, which will also include a class debate. The class novel is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, and guided reading will also continue this year.
Numeracy	The children will be continuing using Big Maths throughout the year. For term 1, there will be a strong emphasis on number work as well as SAFE maths (Shape, Amounts, Fractions and Exploring Data). The children will continue to complete their Beat That challenges each week, as they progress through the Big Maths system.
PE	This will be covering a range of different areas throughout the year. At present we are working on football skills. The children can come to school in their PE kit, and PE is on Fridays at present.
Context	The children will be covering a number of different areas and will be studying the climate and weather of North America, in order to compare and contrast with their local area.
Other areas of learning	The Growth mindset and learning pit. The rights of the child and developing a class charter.

If you wish to support your child's learning, they should be reading regularly at home. Any practice with their times tables will also be very helpful. Homework will be posted on Google Classroom in the coming weeks, although this is optional.

Many Thanks,

Mr Harris.