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Primary 5/6 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to a very different start of school year! I have been very impressed by how well the children have settled into their new stage and by their positive attitudes towards learning. The children have come back enthusiastic and excited to start their P5/6 year at Cornbank. The first three weeks of term have already been jam-packed full of exciting co-operative learning experiences whilst practising new routines and developing listening skills.

Literacy

We have begun the session by establishing reading groups in which we will practise and develop our reading and comprehension skills through literature circle activities. In writing, the children will focus on creating reports. As a class, we will also be focussing on revision of common words before moving on to continue with the Jolly Spelling program.

Numeracy and Maths

We will begin the term by looking at place value and number bonds. Then we will continue to extend and develop our understanding of working with multiple digit numbers in addition and subtraction. Alongside this, the children will begin a maths focus working with money.

Interdisciplinary Learning

The beginning of this session has been dedicated to developing our classroom ethos and creating our P5/6 class charter related to being a Rights Respecting School. We are now starting a topic study on the Victorians. The children have already suggested interesting ideas they want to learn about in the topic which will form the basis of my planning. We will compare Victorian life with today and we will research famous Victorians, education, the Empire and inventions. We have also recently begun a class reader based on the Victorian era, called 'Street Child'.

Health & Wellbeing

PE this term is operating differently in order to meet Scottish Government and Midlothian regulations for the reopening of schools. Mrs Jones, our PE Specialist, will still be working with classes on a rotational basis. Information about P5/6's PE day and kit requirement has been sent by email. In addition, there will be daily opportunities for outdoor play and exercise throughout the week with myself.

The class will have regular class meetings throughout this term where we will be able to discuss concerns, suggestions and questions. Later this year, we will be studying the body's systems at different levels and how to keep ourselves safe and healthy.

Thank you for your support and I am looking forward to meeting and working with you all this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch. Miss Denholm