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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of another school year which I'm sure will go just as quick as the last one! I have been so happy to meet so many of you so far in this first term and if you see me in the playground before or after school please do not hesitate to come and say hello. We have got off to a great start in P6/7 and the children have shown me what keen, hard workers they are with such positive attitudes. A delight to see!

Topic Work

This term our main topic is The Rainforest. The children have been drawing up topic plans and reading books to generate interest in the subject and have already posed some excellent research questions that we will answer over the next few weeks. In accordance with the new curriculum a lot of our work in class will be linked with this topic rather as separate entities.

Health and Wellbeing

Our P.E. has kicked off to a great start and the children are working on their fitness. We started off with red faces and lots of puffed out people (myself included!) but we're improving every time we try it! As part of Health and Wellbeing we also carry out a circle time twice a week to bring us together as a class. Our theme for the next few weeks is listening and concentrating and we will then be moving on to friendship.

Literacy

Our core reading programme has started off well with one group working with Mrs Ross and the other two remaining in class to work with myself or Mrs Lawrie. The children are also taking part in a spelling programme which involves lots of active learning.

Maths

Maths setting continues in the school and children are now familiar with their maths setting teacher.

Homework

Homework is slightly changing this year with the children given language and maths tasks but will also be asked to complete different challenges relating to our whole class topic, health and wellbeing or other mini topics in the class. These challenges will at times last more than one week to allow the children to work more in depth at one subject and link different areas of their learning.

Modern Languages

P7 have started their French programme on a Monday with Miss Kerr from Castlebrae High School with Mrs Bell doing follow up lessons on a Thursday. P6 have started German with Mrs Bell and this takes place on a Tuesday.

RME

The children are working through separate RME topics while the other primary are at their Modern Languages input. P6 are working on "An Ideal Person" and P7 are looking at "Raising Self Esteem."

I look forward to an exciting and hard working year with P6/7. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child in class please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to come and see me.

Regards,
Miss Melanie Pearson
Class Teacher