P.E. – ORIENTEERING

As well as learning the basic skills necessary to participate in orienteering, e.g. map reading, using a compass, orienteering a map, following a given route etc., the children, through this topic, will also be developing their **communication skills** through team building challenges, and they will develop their physical ability and speed during a range of practical activities.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We will be aiming to take our learning outside as much as possible for example with…

* Orienteering
* Daily Mile
* Our Conservation topic
* Literacy/Numeracy
* P5 – 7 Music with Mr. McDermott

CURRICULAR AND INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

In P4 – 7 we are learning about biodiversity and conservation this term. We will be taking part in a live ‘**Floating Classroom**’ lesson with the **Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust** and a question and answer session. We will look and the risks and dangers to the local environment on Islay (beach, dune etc.) and learn about the **UN Climate Change Conference – COP26.**

P5 – 7 this term will have three **music** sessions with **Mr. McDermott (1st, 15th and 29th September)**.

CORE LEARNING

**Health and Wellbeing** – **PE** – **Orienteering**. **Hygiene** – handwashing and keeping safe around Covid. **PAThS** and emotional vocabulary, growth mindset and learning zones

**Literacy** - This term we will focus on reading strategies including **questioning** and **summarising**. Older students will take part in mixed age and ability reading groups known as reciprocal reading, each with daily group roles and tasks. Spelling patterns and activities are through **Letters and Sounds**. In writing, we will look at sentence structures and how to ‘up level’ our descriptions with more ambitious vocabulary.

**Maths/numeracy** – This term our number work in Numeracy focuses on **estimating and rounding, place value, months of the year and seasons**. We will be returning to regular ‘**number talks**’

which will help to develop number fluency. We will also practice a mixture of addition,

subtraction, multiplication and division through daily mental maths. In addition,

we will look at tally marks and surveys, **data handling and data collection**,

including graphs, through our Topic work.

ETHOS AND LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

**Friendship, Excellence, Respect**

 A warm welcome to all learners in P4 to 7 this term, including returning and new students!

A big focus this term will be on school routines and rules, as well as classroom expectations.

Mr. Welch will be working with the children each Friday for P4 - 7 assembly, focusing on our school values of **friendship, excellence and respect.** The children will be supported to put these values into action during the week, including through two weekly targets we call **Head Teacher’s Award**. Weekly certificates for **Star Writer** are also awarded at assembly.

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