

TERM 1 NEWS

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HEATHHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2024

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the 2024/2025 school year! Miss McKinnell and I are thrilled to embark on this exciting journey with each of you. We have a fantastic year planned, filled with engaging lessons, fun activities, and lots of opportunities for growth and discovery. We can't wait to get to know each of you better and make this year a memorable and successful one. Let's work together to make this the best school year yet!

Warm regards,

Miss Hunter & Miss McKinnell



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HOMEWORK

All homework will be available on Teams. Each month is separated on the Homework folder for quick and easy access. Homework will also be written into homework jotters.

Spelling:

The distribution of words will take place on Tuesday mornings. Every student will be provided with a personalised spelling list, which will be assessed biweekly during class. Furthermore, most children will receive ten phonics-based spelling words weekly, evaluated in class every Monday. Kindly ensure that a parent/guardian signs your child's spelling jotter before it is brought back to school.

Reading:

Your child will either be allocated a hard copy of a reading book or allocated a reading book on EPIC (kids.getepic.com/students). The class code is **bsg8071**. The book allocated will be at your child's level. Most books have a reading for understanding assessment at the end which your child must complete.

Numeracy:

Numeracy homework will be given either via Sumdog or a hard copy in homework jotters to develop skills in certain areas. If a piece of numeracy homework is in their jotter there will not be a reading book that week.

From time to time, children may receive a homework assignment related to a specific topic or context.

Sufficient time will be allocated to complete this task, with a reduction in other homework during this period.

If you need to reach me, kindly utilise my email address or Miss McKinnell's instead of posting in Teams. I prefer to reserve the Teams platform solely for student use. My email address is gw23hunterkara@glowmail.sch.uk.

Miss McKinnell's email address is: gw14mckinnelljoanne@ea.dumgal.sch.uk



For a deep look at meta-skills please visit Skills Development Scotland: <https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/media/tejnign/overarching-meta-skills-poster.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=ecrSsy>

META-SKILLS

This academic year, we are introducing meta-skills. This aims to equip the children with essential skills as they transition into the workforce. Throughout the term, there will be a weekly focus on various skills, providing children with opportunities to learn and grow in each respective area.

DAILY ROUTINES

Each morning, the class will be involved in a soft start from 0900 to 0915. The soft start focus will change each week to support a deeper understanding of the learning during that week. The expectation for the soft start is a calm and quiet start to the day to help support emotional regulation for all before the beginning of their school day.

TERM EVENTS

An open afternoon is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th, welcoming all parents/guardians to visit their child's learning environment and meet the teachers. The time for this is: 14:15 - 14:45.

LITERACY

We will be undertaking a new writing programme so lessons will be more frequent, but not as long. The class chose Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone as the class novel and this will be weaved into other curriculum areas. Reading and Writing skills will be a focus each week.

NUMERACY

This term we will be focussing on maths and it's impact on the world and patterns and relationships. We will also explore place value and number structures. Miss McKinnell will be focussing on Data Handling.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

We will be focusing on friendships, emotions and kind/respectful behaviour this term which will help solve common problems that arise due to differing thoughts and opinions.

OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS

Art - We will be looking at influential people in the field of art, and how illustrators create book covers.

IDL - This term we are focusing on food chains and diversity, and will incorporate this into our digital technology lessons.

RME/French/Digital Skills: This will be covered by Miss McKinnell this term and will be focus on numbers to 100 in french and digital literacy.

GLOBAL CITIZENS

As part of our IDL lessons and reflection lessons, we will be looking at global events to aid becoming a responsible citizen.

LAST NOTES

Please can I ask that all children have indoor shoes and a snack packed separately into their school bags. Lunch boxes are left downstairs, however snack eaten in class. As we go into the colder weather, can I ask all children to bring a coat and warmer clothes as outdoor breaks will still occur.