



Welcome to Primary 7R!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and are ready for the year ahead. I am Miss Rooney and I am very excited to be joining Heathhall Primary. It has been lovely getting to know the children so far and they all seem enthusiastic to learn. Please have a read of this newsletter and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

## Communication

We will use a class Teams page to share homework this year and it is also the way you will be able to contact me with general questions. The children should be very familiar with how to use Teams. It is vital that they log in to Teams regularly at home as this is where all information about homework will be posted and any other notifications which the children need to be aware of. **Please help your child to check they can access the P7R Teams page at home.**

Alternatively, if you wish to contact me please send me an email to [gw23rooneyhelena@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw23rooneyhelena@ea.dumgal.sch.uk).



## P7 Expectations

In P7 the main expectation is that your child is happy and always tries their best. If there are any issues it is important that you make us aware of these.

Your child should come to school each day ready to learn. They will need:

- A full water bottle
- Indoor shoes
- PE kit is needed on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday**. Both sessions will be taught by Mr Sharp.
- A waterproof jacket **every day** as the weather can change.



We will provide all resources needed but if your child wants to bring in a small personal pencil case they may do so.

We have discussed the children's wishes for their year in Primary 7. They have expressed that they would like to order hoodies, receive a yearbook as a leaving present and participate in a P7 show. More information will follow about each of these in due course.

## Lunches

School lunches are ordered using iPayImpact where every child has their own unique log in. We have ensured that every child in P7 has this so that lunches do not need to be organised in class. Please ask your child to log in to their own account and choose their lunch option for the week ahead. **They should be doing this even if they are packed lunch.** It takes up time to organise this in the morning so we ask with your assistance in making sure this is done before arriving at school. If you still require a log in please let us know.



## Class Charter

At Heathhall we have gained our Silver Award for being a Rights Respecting School and we are currently working towards gold. In line with this and our own values we have created a minion themed class



## Wider Achievements

I am always keen to hear about your child's wider achievements outside of school. Please encourage them to share these. They will find a master copy of the Wider Achievement Certificate in their Teams page. They should go to the General channel and they will find it in the class materials section. They can then download a copy of the master, edit this and then save their own version.



## Literacy

During work in Literacy we will be developing our writing skills through descriptive and narrative writing, as well as opportunities for creative writing.

This term, we will be focussing on reading comprehension strategies in class. Each child will also have an Accelerated Reader book which the children will be given time to read in class daily. There is also an expectation that they will spend some time reading this at home.

The children will be given new spelling words on a Tuesday and they should work on these in class and at home throughout the week. They will be shared on the P7R Teams page so that the children can practise these for homework before their spelling test in class on a Monday morning.

Within modern languages we will focus on French where we will look at French shops and learn how we could ask for things in these shops.



## Maths and Numeracy

Our work in numeracy this term will focus on working with fractions, decimals and percentages.

We will be working on measurement once a week with a focus on application of measurement in real life situations.

We will continue to develop our mental maths and problem solving skills through weekly challenges. We will be continuing with the use of Sumdog both in class and as homework. It would be beneficial for children to spend a little time each week working on developing their numeracy skills which can be done through Sumdog.



## Health and Wellbeing (H&WB)

In PE we will be learning skills associated with handball and lacrosse. P.E will be on a Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon with Mr Sharp.

Our Wellbeing focus will be looking at Food and Health and the ways in which we can make healthy decisions. We will also look at ways in which the media can influence the choices people make.



## Other Curricular Areas

Within Digital Literacy we will be developing our skills within Microsoft Teams and One Drive. We will be revising how to keep ourselves safe online and responsible behaviour in an online forum.

In IDL we will be focussing on Food Chains and Micro-organisms. For Global Citizenship we will be celebrating different events such as National read a book day, Fairtrade fortnight, maths week Scotland, International day of older persons and Black History Month.

Within Expressive Arts we will be developing skills in role-play and using different media in art and design.

We will also be continually developing and discussing our meta-skills.



## P7 Dates for the diary

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Play in a day at Dumfries High School

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Operation Safety

## Homework

Homework will be issued electronically on our class Teams page.

- Spelling – new spelling lists will be issued on a Tuesday. These words should be practised at home using the suggested activities and children will complete a spelling test in class on a Monday.
- Numeracy – children will be set a Sumdog challenge to complete once a month. They will also be given a written or practical maths task to complete once a month.
- Reading – your child will bring home an Accelerated Reading book this term. Children should aim for a minimum of 10 minutes each night.



If there are any concerns or issues then please get in touch.

## Further Information

Snack- We would encourage this to be a piece of fruit or a healthy alternative as often as possible. Your child should also have a water bottle with a sports cap in class every day. Please fill these at home in order to avoid using the water dispenser as much as possible.

**We will be working on producing a Yearbook for Primary 7 as a leaving gift. We are asking you to email a photo of your child in Primary 1 to myself as soon as possible. Please send the picture to [gw23rooneyhelena@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw23rooneyhelena@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September there will be an open afternoon from 2.15pm to 2.45pm to allow you to meet me and your child's new environment. All are welcome and I would be happy to see you there!