**Our Learning This Term.**

**Literacy**

* Reading – Most pupils have sat their STAR test for the term. This gives them a new ZPD range in which they will read books. Once pupils have chosen their book and read their book, they sit a test to show their understanding of a text.
* Writing – this term our focus is on discursive texts and recount texts. Your child will be given learning intentions and success criteria to work towards. We will also be completing a sentence day, which allows pupils to develop their use of punctuation through writing.
* Listening and talking – throughout the year, your child will be given a listening and talking exercise to prepare at home. They will then present their work to the class.
* French – our focus this term is revision of P5 and P6 units in French. We will be working our way up to numbers to 70, colours, revision of greetings.

**Maths/Numeracy**

* All groups will be having a BIG push on times tables in class and at home.
* Work is differentiated in class, therefore pupils will all be completing different work. We will always have a focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

**Health and Well Being** – We will be focusing on regulation zones this term, this will be introduced to adults on the open afternoon. We will also be studying reports on vaping, long and short-term effects. We will move onto learning about environmental factors. As part of HWB, P7’s will take part in Operation Safety. This is a region wide event and is a fantastic opportunity to learn all about keeping safe. P7’s will also take part in ‘A Play in a Day’ at Dumfries High School. **More information will follow on both of these days.** Primary 6’s this term will take part in Bikeability Scotland, which promotes safety on the roads. This has been a great success in the past.

**Pupil Choice** – This term Primary 6 has chosen to learn about The Vietnam War.

**PE with Mr Sharp and Class Teacher**

Our specialist for the year is Mr Sharp. His subject is PE and will be delivering experiences and outcomes from his curricular area to pupils throughout the school. Pupils will work with Mr Sharp who will deliver their PE entitlement as well as linking in with literacy and numeracy activities. Each pupil should receive 2 hours of PE during the school week.

**Please ensure your son/daughter comes to school prepared for the weather**. We have an all-weather MUGA, so there will be times when pupils will be out in inclement weather.

**Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday. All PE this year will be delivered by Mr Sharp.** Jewellery should not be worn, and long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons. If your child has stud earrings in, tape should be provided, or your child can ask me, and I will give them some.

**All communication to pupils will come via TEAMS. All pupils have been added and should now be able to access our TEAMS page. I have checked last week, and all pupils can access their GLOW and TEAMS in class.**



**Homework**

**We have a large number of children not completing their homework. The homework set is to support pupils learning and is set on work that has been completed in class.**

* **Spelling** – Your child will receive an individual spelling list which will be assessed once per fortnight in class. Most children will also receive 10 phonics spelling words per week. These will be assessed in class on a Friday.
* **Reading** – Your child will receive a reading book once per fortnight. Sometimes your child may receive an additional task on their reading book. This may be their Accelerated Reading book, or a book given by the class teacher.
* **Maths** – Maths homework this year will take place via Sumdog. We are currently working our way through the diagnostic assessments. Once these have been completed, I will assign tasks for your child. Like reading, tasks will be given once per fortnight.
* **From time to time, pupils may get an extended piece of homework on a context**. Plenty of time will be given to complete this task and all other homework will be tailored back during this time.

**My e-mail address is** **gw10hannaylyndsey@ea.dumgal.sch.uk****.**

**Please read information sent by Miss E Cameron on communication with staff.**

**Our School BLOG and Purple Mash Blog**

**Our school BLOG is updated on a regular basis. This BLOG shares important information with regards to your child’s learning and what they have been learning. I will share what your child has been learning throughout the terms.**

**Pupils also are developing their own BLOGS on Purple Mash. This is updated on a regular basis, with pupils adding documents and uploading photographs for you to look at.**

**Please interact with both of these, the pupils have been working hard so it is nice that their hard work is being appreciated.**

Welcome to Primary 6/7. Many of the pupils are returning to me as Primary 7 pupils. For those of you who are joining me for the first time, welcome to our learning environment. Throughout the year I may send out some pleas for help, perhaps in the classroom or with resources for our STEM or outdoor learning. There will also be an open afternoon this term. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible. PPT talktime will also take place before the October holidays, this will give myself, parents and pupils more time to identify targets and work on these across the coming terms. Also this term, we have an open afternoon where our theme is ‘Our Zones of Regulation’.

**School Lunches** – **This is a BIG plea. If your child is ordering a school lunch, please ensure they order this online. It is a busy classroom, and we start learning at 9 o’clock. Many pupils are missing valuable learning time due to lunch delays. Please use this link to complete, even if your child is having a home packed lunch.** [Order School Lunches Here](https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fIPI%2fClassPreorder%2fListAccounts%3fclassCode%3dP5&classCode=P5)

Primary 6/7 Newsletter August till October