



NWCC P7 Newsletter Term 3 2019/2020

A warm welcome back to all children—we hope you had a lovely holiday. You will receive a termly class newsletter with general information and details about what we will be learning this term. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or Mr Clark (Principal Teacher).

Inter-disciplinary Learning (IDL)

This term we will be learning about Scottish Wars of Independence. The children will be learning how to interpret historical evidence from a range of periods to help build a picture of Scotland's heritage and stimulate the children's sense of chronology. Additionally, the children will be comparing and contrasting a society in the past, leading to engaged and focussed discussions of the similarities and differences. Furthermore, we will also be investigating the Treaty of Edinburgh and expanding our knowledge on the roles of key figures of the Wars of Independence.

With regards to literacy, the children will be encouraged to write a newspaper article based on one of the key aspects of the wars as well as creating a fact-file about key figures from the battles and creating a diary entry from the point of view of a soldier. In relation to numeracy, we will be creating a timeline of the Wars of Independence and investigating graphical links to an aspect of the wars.

Numeracy/Maths

This term we will be exploring angles and co-ordinates as well as multiplication and division. The children will be exploring a variety of patterns and relationships in multiplication and division, including the focus of investigating multiples and factors of numbers. Additionally, we will also be expanding our prior knowledge on the use of inverse operations whilst improving our problem solving skills. With regards to our applied maths, the children will be introduced to angles and co-ordinates. We will be applying our knowledge to further investigate angles in the environment using mathematical vocabulary to discuss and describe classified angles. Furthermore, the children will be investigating and applying their skills to accurately measure and draw angles through practical activities with appropriate equipment to encourage problem solving within real-life contexts.

Literacy

During literacy in term 3, the children will be focussing on tools for writing. The first genre that is our focus is imaginative writing, in which the children will be expanding their writing skills to create poetry with the inclusion of Scots Language. Additionally, the second focus that we will be exploring include a variety of personal and functional writing, all of which are linked through our IDL context.

P7 will also continue to work through spelling and grammar programmes and will aim to achieve individual reading targets throughout the term.

Homework

Homework will consist of spelling, reading and maths activities. P7B will be provided with their homework on a Monday and will be expected to complete this for a Friday. P7A will be issued homework on a Tuesday to be handed in on a Friday due to timetable changes. P7B will be given a spelling test based on some of their homework on a Friday and P7A will continue with a Friday dictation. Children will also receive dojo points for completing their homework to a high standard.



Late-comers

If your child is late for school please take them to the school reception where they can make their own way to class. First thing in the morning is a very busy time for teachers - if you need to speak to the class teacher, please make an appointment at the office.

Snack

The children have snack in class after their morning playtime. Please send your child with only one snack and try to encourage your child to choose a healthy snack. All children should take their water bottles home daily to be washed and re-filled. They can access their water bottle at any time of the day. No juice please. Children will be rewarded with a dojo point if they eat a healthy snack at break time.



Clothing

Please ensure all clothes are labelled—jumpers, polo shirts, gym clothes, gym shoes, jackets. This will help if your child misplaces an item of clothing. Our school uniform consists of black trousers/skirt, a white polo shirt/blouse or a black pinafore. Summer dresses and shorts are only allowed in Term 4 (after the Easter holidays).

P.E.

Your child will have 2 P.E. sessions each week. Children will have one PE session indoors and one outdoors. They will need black shorts, white t-shirt and gym shoes/trainers in a bag and also an outdoor version of this for their outdoor PE session e.g. joggers and hoody. No football strips please. **With the colder weather coming in, it is vital that children bring in their PE kits for their outdoor session of PE.** It would be beneficial if this could be sent in on a Monday and it will be sent home on a Friday to be washed.

P7A P.E Days: Wednesday Outdoor, Friday Indoor

P7B P.E Days: Monday Outdoor, Friday Indoor

Class Dojo

Most parents have signed up to Class dojo and are enjoying the benefits of seeing how well their child is doing at school as well as the regular information shared through the Class Story. It also gives parents the option to message the teacher directly.

Weekly Awards

Each week the school will continue to focus on one of the NWCC school values i.e. *Responsibility, Unity, Growth or Success*. The class teacher will award two certificates at Assembly every week—one based on the focus school value and the other will be a star award.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 01387 245100.

Staffing

Please note staffing changes for term 2. These are stated below:

P7A—Mr McKie, Mr Clark (Monday, Tuesday pm)

P7B—Mr Malin, Miss Aitchison (Tuesday am)

