

**Kilmaurs Primary School**  
**Primary 7 Newsletter**  
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**Language & Literacy**

Over the coming weeks in literacy pupils will continue to work on active spelling and grammar. Spelling practice can often be found on BugClub and pupils who would like to do extra practice at home can also take a copy of the word list to complete additional activities of their choosing.

In reading and writing we are studying the differences between fact and opinion, allowing us to analyse the reliability of texts and also create our own informative pieces. We will also look at creating different types of question to assess understanding of texts.

We will also be studying poetry and writing some of our own! Our poem that we are learning in class is called 'Willie Wastle' by Robert Burns. It is full of interesting Scots language which we will spend time decoding, to gain better understanding of the poem itself. We will also write toasts to and from the lassies as part of our Scots literacy study.

**Health & Wellbeing**

**P.E.** – We are currently working on gymnastics in P.E. This is a daunting area of P.E for many of our pupils but I am delighted to see progress for many so far! We will then move on to netball and hope to have some rugby input from Kilmarnock Rugby Club this term.



**Health & Wellbeing** – In health we will be exploring the topic of change and loss. I appreciate this topic can trigger emotional responses from pupils and want to reassure you that they will be supported in expressing their emotions in class. We will then move on to sexual health later in the term, keep an eye on the app for information on what the pupils will learn.

Miss Corrigan will continue the learning around internet safety and will then look at managing positive relationships across the school.

**Numeracy & Mathematics**

We are continuing our learning on fractions at the moment.



This has been a challenging topic so we are spending lots of time building confidence in this area. We will then move on to link our fractions learning to decimals and percentages.

Later in the term we will move on to algebra, money, estimation and rounding.

We continue to work on our problem solving and mathematical reasoning strategies through our morning starters and a focused problem solving lesson each week.

Pupils number talks knowledge is developing well and we will continue to take part in number talks warm ups each day.

**Wider Curriculum**

This term the class are taking part in one of the most anticipated topics of the P7 year. Pupils always come in to P7 excited to take part in the China topic. This topic is paramount in pupils learning important study skills, as they will have to complete lots of self study in class on various areas of the topic, collate notes that can be used to inform a presentation and work to a deadline to present their learning in their chosen format. I can't wait to see how our learning culminates and hope pupils gain a real sense of pride from this topic.

We are also regularly learning French, with a current focus on food and drink and conversational language.

We will explore the moral side of religious education as we study the teachings of many key religious figures to see what values were shared in their teachings.