



St Martin's Primary

Class Newsletter

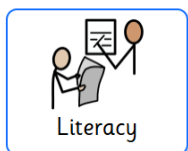
Primary 7K – Term 1 2026/2027

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and for those children and families who are joining us this session, a very warm welcome to our St Martin's family! It is wonderful to see our young children so smartly dressed in their uniform, demonstrating our school rules of Being Kind, Ready to learn and Trying their best. This term we are focussing on establishing our pupil voice groups which will be lead in part by our pupil leadership group. The members of this group are our House Captains and Vice Captains, Head Boy and Girl and our Lead inclusion Ambassador. It is very exciting to have such wonderful role models in our Primary 7 this year and I look forward to working with them on our school improvement agenda. I am very keen to increase our opportunities for parents to meet and work together with the school so please make sure you complete the questionnaires at Meet the Teacher session and Parent's night. We are aware that families have different commitments so this year, I am sending out a Year Ahead calendar on paper form and on all our app platforms. Please make sure these dates are in your diary. We will try to ensure that we keep to these dates but if anything changes, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. I look forward to a great year ahead with lots to celebrate in terms of awards and learning. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs McKay, Headteacher



Reading

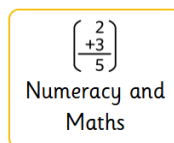
Developing my knowledge of context clues, punctuation, grammar and layout, we will read unfamiliar texts with increasing fluency, understanding and expression. This book will be linked to the IDL topic connected to World War II.

Writing

In writing, we will be focusing on descriptive writing and narrative. In our descriptive writing we will be aiming to describe the characteristics or features. In our narrative, we will be focusing to entertain, amuse and instruct. Our writing will focus on our topic of World War Two and PM writing.

Listening and Talking

We will participate in group Talking and Listening groups using prompt cards to aid discussion and showing that we value others' contributions and use their ideas to build on my thinking.



Numeracy

During this term, we will be revising previously taught skills and strategies, such as recalling and using multiplication and division tables. This will develop our confidence and enhance our approaches to solving calculations. Daily tasks on Magma Maths will reinforce prior learning and help assess understanding, independent working and areas for further development.

Maths

Shape will be the focus this term we will be learning through practical activities, developing our understanding of the relationship between 3D objects and their nets.



IDL

Our IDL topic will focus on World War II, exploring significant people, past events and how Scotland and its society were affected by the war. Learners will research key events and develop their historical vocabulary through Word Aware.

As part of our learning, we plan to visit Edinburgh Castle to take part in workshops and activities exploring Scotland's experiences during wartime.



Our PE days are Tuesday morning and Friday morning. Please make sure your child is wearing a comfortable PE kit. They should also bring **soft-soled, non-marking trainers**. This helps to protect the school hall floor and ensures that children have suitable, comfortable footwear for PE activities. Pupils should not wear earrings or any jewellery. In PE, we will be focusing on Gymnastics developing a short sequence of

PATHS lessons will focus on staying safe and learning to assess and manage risks to keep themselves safe. We will continue with developing the PATHS programme within the class.



RERC

In Religious Education we will be researching and learning about one of the seven Sacraments in the Catholic church: - the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will prepare by looking at the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This Sacrament will be celebrated on the 5th of November 2026. We will also be learning about Creation and sharing our own understanding of this book from the Bible. We will also be introducing and learning about Laudato Si for example Respond to the Cry of the Poor and Ecological Spirituality.

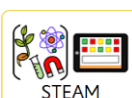


In Spanish this term, Primary 7 will be revisiting and consolidating previously taught language. This will include daily greetings – practising simple everyday classroom conversations. Speaking and listening – developing confidence in recalling and using familiar vocabulary independently.



Art

We will create and present work that shows developing skills inspired by a range of stimuli, We will express and communicate our ideas, thoughts and feelings through activities within art and design.



This term in STEAM we will be taking part in an exciting project created by Glasgow University. We will be learning about the importance of crop growth and how climate changes affects plant growth. We will conduct experiments into how maize seeds grow in various conditions and use science, maths and digital skills to record our findings.



SHANARRI helps us think about children and young people's wellbeing through eight areas: **Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included**. We use **pupil voice** to make sure children and young people have a say in what wellbeing means to them and what they feel they need to thrive. Their ideas, experiences and feedback help us shape activities, priorities and support across the school, ensuring that our approach to SHANARRI is informed by the children themselves. We will continue to update you on this throughout the year.



Please use this form to share any wider achievements that your child would like to be recognised and celebrated at a school assembly. These could include successes outside of school such as sports, arts, clubs, hobbies, volunteering, or any personal milestones they are proud of.

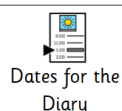


We are delighted to share that our school is working in partnership with Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) to further enhance Health and Wellbeing across our school community.

Through this collaboration, we are reviewing and developing our outdoor spaces to ensure they promote active, creative and inclusive play for all children. We are also looking at how our playground can better reflect children's voices and interests.

Outdoor play is a vital part of children's wellbeing. It supports confidence, teamwork, problem-solving and positive mental health. By working with Outdoor Play and Learning, we are strengthening our whole-school approach to ensuring every child has access to safe, stimulating and meaningful outdoor experiences every day.

We look forward to sharing updates with you as this exciting work progresses.



- ❖ Mainstream Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 26th August 3:15pm – 3:45pm
- ❖ First Friday Mass led by P7W – Friday 4th September 1:30pm
- ❖ Maths Week – 21st – 25th September
- ❖ Parents Night – Wednesday 23rd September
- ❖ September Weekend – school closed on Friday 25th September and Monday 28th September
- ❖ 8th September
- ❖ First Friday Mass led by P7K – Friday 2nd October 1:30pm
- ❖ School closed on Friday 9th October – in service day
- ❖ School closed 12th – 16th October – October week. School reopens on Monday 19th October

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