

# Welcome to our Primary 7B Newsletter!

**Term 1  
2023**

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## Welcome to Primary 7B

I hope you have all had a great summer break. The class have settled in so well to their new surroundings and have embraced the change with enthusiasm, looking forward to all the opportunities primary 7 will bring.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

The year kicks off with our IDL topic, The Scottish Parliament. They will learn about the main features of a democracy, the rights and responsibilities of citizens in Scotland, what powers are devolved and reserved and much more. They will have the opportunity to research, discuss and debate and write persuasive texts. Our topic will be enhanced with a visit from the Scottish Parliament Outreach Service.

## Literacy

We will be reading a class novel, Wonder by RJ Palacio, a beautifully written story that evokes much discussion. This is an excellent book to read at the start of the year, especially this year, as the children come together for the first time in unfamiliar surroundings. The book will create an environment within our class where everyone is included. Using the novel as a focus, the children will continue to develop their comprehension skills. The class will continue to use NL Spelling Programme and have weekly grammar input and a focus on improving handwriting to develop further joined script. Weekly taught writing this term will be Narrative and Persuasive genres.

## Numeracy

Primary 7B will begin a block of revision and extension of Number Processes, which will cover rounding, estimating and place value, including decimals. They will continue to apply strategies to improve mental calculations using daily Number Talks, where they will be encouraged to explain their thought processes to help them improve speed and accuracy. They will apply their knowledge in real life contexts. Problem solving opportunities and practical, active maths activities will be provided to enhance their understanding.

## P.E

This term, our focus is on Team Games, building resilience, a sense of fair play and improving stamina. We will work together to develop ball skills, improving throwing and catching, playing handball and basketball. Indoor lessons are on a Tuesday and outdoor lessons on a Wednesday. Details of what the children are expected to wear have previously been provided. Water bottles should be filled at home and are refilled during the school day.

Your support is very much appreciated.

## Science/Health

Our science theme this term is Healthy Body and Mind and the children will enjoy learning about Body Systems, engaging in interactive games, group challenges and discussions. We have the use of a well-resourced Stem Room on a Monday afternoon.

This topic will run alongside our Health and Well being theme this term, Understanding and Managing Emotions, Eating Healthy and Keeping Active.

## ICT

Primary 7 will learn how to use the internet safely and the importance of using reliable sources to research our IDL topic

## Homework

Homework will be centred around supporting the work the children are doing in class. Work will be set on Teams and returned in their jotter every Friday. Please encourage your child to set a routine that they can manage to allow work to be completed well and on time and to best prepare them for secondary school. Primary 7 will be expected to read for pleasure for a minimum of 20 minutes each day, recording a brief summary of what they have read. They have been shown how to record this in their jotter. Maths will be set on Sumdog, with weekly challenges set according to the concepts they are learning in class. Progress will be rewarded at weekly assemblies. Spelling words should be practised over the course of the week, completing various activities detailed in Teams.

## Key Dates for the Term

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Captain Elections, House Launch  
Dress Down Day  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September – September Weekend holiday  
Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September – Maths Week Scotland  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Scottish Parliament Outreach visit  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – MSP visit to Riverbank P7s  
Dates to be confirmed – Stem Engineering Workshops (3)