

# Welcome to our Primary 7U Newsletter!

**Term 1  
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## Welcome to Primary 7U

Hello! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer. I am very much looking forward to working with you and your children for their final year of school, how time flies! We have been busy getting to know each other, with our residential trip, Lockerbie Manor, only a few months away! We are all looking forward to a busy and exciting final year in our new school!

## Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we will be learning about the Scottish Parliament. We have already been busy finding out about elections and using this knowledge to prepare for our school's House Captain elections. Throughout the year we will be learning more about the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child, so that we can link our learning to this.

## Health and Wellbeing

The health and wellbeing of our children is paramount. This term, we will be learning about how we can regulate our emotions and support others to do the same.

## P.E

For PE this term we will be playing a variety of team games to develop our cooperation and fitness skills.

## Technology

We will be enhancing our word processing and touch-typing skills this term, as these skills are vital for developing the young workforce. We will also be researching different information related to our class topics.

## Science

This term we will be learning lots about our natural environment through our weekly outdoor learning sessions. We will be learning about wildlife, natural habitats and conservation.

## Expressive Arts

We will be developing a range of skills through creating artwork related to our class topics. We will be listening to a range of musicians this term and we will be playing a range of instruments and using our voices. We will develop our expression and use of voice through our class elections and other drama activities.

## Literacy

The children have chosen 'The Accidental Time Traveller' as our class novel this term. We will be doing a selection of comprehension-based activities linked to this. We also be using a wide range of other comprehension texts, including children starting group non-fiction texts. This term we will be developing our narrative and persuasive writing skills. Spelling, handwriting and grammar will also be developed. Throughout the year children will be working independently and with others to improve their cooperative learning, listening and talking skills.

## Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on our numeracy skills. We will be working hard to improve our mental agility through weekly number talks, countdown and times tables practice. We will also be enhancing our written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and it would be great if it could also be encouraged for children to practise these important four operations at home. We will also be developing our problem-solving skills through using a range of resources.

## Homework

This year, homework will be posted on Microsoft Teams where it can be accessed but homework jotters will be given for the children to use. Homework will be uploaded on Monday and should be completed and handed in on the Friday. The jotters will be re-issued on the Monday.

## Things to Remember

Outdoor PE is on a **Wednesday** and indoor PE is on a **Friday**. Information regarding the PE Uniform can be found in Mrs Paterson's Newsletter. We will be doing weekly outdoor learning sessions every **Tuesday**, where children are encouraged to wear old, warm and waterproof clothing. **Children must not wear any jewellery on PE or outdoor learning days.** Mrs Smith will be teaching the children about RME and grammar throughout the year.

## Key Dates for the Term

- September Holiday – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September
- October Holiday – 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October