

Welcome to our Primary 7 Newsletter!

**Term 1
2023**

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Welcome to Primary 7B

I hope you have all had a relaxing October break. It is a busy time of year for P7B, full of opportunity and learning. Our class assembly is on Friday 10th November at 9.30 am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Interdisciplinary Learning

November kicks off with our IDL topic, Japan. The children will learn about the culture and geography of the country through science, IT, literacy and maths. Our topic will be enhanced with a visit from Japan Desk Scotland on Thursday 23rd November.

Health and Wellbeing

Primary 7B are taking part in the NL Challenge. The award will involve developing physical skills and team work as well as volunteering.

P.E

This term, our focus is on hockey and dance. We will work together to improve stamina, teamwork and creativity. 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. Please ensure children have suitable footwear and hair tied back, if necessary.

Science

Our science theme, Volcanoes, relates to our IDL topic, Japan. The children also have a visit arranged to Sky Academy on the Tuesday 28th November. Please note they will not return until 4pm. Further details to follow.

ICT

Primary 7 will continue their Coding journey and the importance of using reliable sources to research our IDL topic.

Literacy

We will be reading a class novel, Natasha's Will by Joan Lingard, set in 1917 as the Russian Revolution rages on the streets of St Petersburg. The children will continue to develop their comprehension skills, with a particular focus on inference main ideas and summary writing. 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, Poetry and Information genres.

Numeracy

Primary 7B will continue developing their understanding of Number Processes, to include decimals, fractions, negative numbers and order of operations. They will 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.

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

Class Assembly – November 10th
Inservice Day – November 13th
Parents' Evening – November 16th
Japan Desk Scotland – November 23rd
Sky Academy – November 28th
Christmas Lunch – December 8th (TBC)
Christmas Party – December 14th