

Welcome to our Primary 7/6 Newsletter!

**Term 2
2023**

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Hello! I hope you all had a lovely October break. The boys and girls have been working really hard and are ready for another busy term!

Interdisciplinary Learning

We are already enjoying our new topic, WW1. We will be learning about lots of key events; the role of soldiers, women and animals; different transport and other technologies used during the war; and the aftermath of WW1. We are really enjoying our walks to Cairnhill Woods and the Canal as part of our outdoor learning. Thank you very much to our parent and grandparent helpers, we really appreciate you giving up your time to support us!

Health and Wellbeing

The children are currently participating in the North Lanarkshire Challenge, where they are learning a broad range of valuable skills whilst completing physical challenges; volunteering; and learning first aid. The boys and girls are also working with sports leaders from Coatbridge High as part of their PE this term.

Expressive Arts

This term, we have an exciting opportunity to work with the Eco Puppet Project to plan and create a puppet show. We will also be making a range of WW1 themed artwork and learning WW1 themed songs. We will be creating a variety of miming scenes related to our topic and the children will be encouraged to perform it to their peers. The boys and girls have been enjoying using a range of instruments to play 'Lean on Me' as part of their learning during Black History Month.

Technology

Children will be creating their own trench models in shoeboxes. If you have any shoeboxes sitting around, please don't throw them out! We will also be using the digital application, Tinkercad, to build our own WW1 technologies. As part of our outdoor learning, the children will be working in small groups to design and build outdoor play spaces for the younger children in the school. I am looking forward to hearing their super ideas!

Literacy

We have started our new class novel, War Horse, to support our learning of WW1. We will be completing a range of drama and literacy activities linked to the novel. The children will also be reading a range of non-fiction texts to improve their literal and inferential understanding. They should continue to read a novel of their choice as part of their homework. We will also be analysing video clips and song lyrics in detail, to improve our comprehension. The children will be writing a range of WW1 themed recounts and will continue to write narrative pieces.

Numeracy

We will be continuing to develop our mental math strategies through a range of number talks. Children will be continuing to learn more about mental and written adding, subtracting, multiplication and division methods, as well as being encouraged to estimate an answer before calculating it. We will also be looking at multiples, factors and primes; and measure. We will continue to develop our problem-solving skills through answering range of mathematical word problems and revising different strategies we can utilise.

Homework

Homework will continue to be posted on Microsoft Teams on a Monday and should be completed in homework jotters and returned on Friday.

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 Smyth will be teaching the children about RME and grammar throughout the year.

Key Dates for the Term

- Monday 13th November Inservice Day
- Thursday 30th November Sky Academy Trip
- Thursday 14th December Christmas Party