

Welcome to our Primary 70 Newsletter!

Term 3
2024

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Hello! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. We had a great time at Lockerbie Manor. The children really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, even with the weather!

Interdisciplinary Learning

We have been busy learning all about the Scots language and Robert Burns ahead of our class Assembly and Burns Supper on Friday 26th January. The children have written excellent poems and fairytales in Scots, they are excited to share them with you! Later on in the Term we will be learning about Indigenous Communities around the world, including, Native American, Māori, Australian Aboriginal and Native Hawaiian communities. We will learn about indigenous cultures and traditions through literacy, art and music.

Expressive Arts

This term, expressive arts will be linked to our Scots and Indigenous Communities topics. We will also listen to music from famous LGBT+ and female artists, to celebrate LGBT+ (February) and Women's (March) History month. We will be learning how to use Garage Band to compose our own music too!

Health and Wellbeing

The children are continuing to participate in the North Lanarkshire Challenge, where they are learning a broad range of valuable skills whilst completing physical challenges; volunteering; and learning first aid. Within PE, we will be learning about fitness and completing a range of circuits to support our physical health. This will coincide with our learning of the human body within science.

STEM

The children have been working hard to design and build outdoor play spaces for the younger children in the school. We are almost ready to build our well thought out designs. We are looking for some adult helpers, to support us with using building materials and tools, please let us know if you can help! We will also be beginning our Space topic; the children are really looking forward to their learning in this! The children will extend their knowledge of the digital application Tinkercad this term too.

Literacy

The children have been busy learning about the Scots language. We have enjoyed reading 'The Eejits', the Scots version of Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'. The P7s will study the film Pocahontas to support their learning about indigenous communities. We will also study the films story, setting, sound, colour, camera angles and characters. The P7s will continue to choose a novel to read in school and at home, their goal is to finish this within 6 weeks. The children will also begin non-fiction group texts in class that we will complete a range of tasks on. The children will be learning about information texts and narrative writing this term.

Numeracy

We will be continuing to develop our mental math strategies through a range of number talks and develop our problem-solving skills through a range of activities. This term, we will be learning about measurement; money; 2D/3D shape; patterns and relationships within number; and fractions, decimals and percentages. We will continue to revise our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies on a regular basis.

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 Steele will be teaching the children about RME, French and Problem Solving this term.

Key Dates for the Term

- 12th and 13th February Holiday
- 12th March Progress Conversations
- 26th January Class Assembly and Burns Supper