

Welcome to our Primary 7/6 Newsletter!

**Term 1
2024**

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Hello! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children this year – we have lots of exciting activities to look forward to!

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we will be learning about the UK Parliament, where all children will be involved in learning about current political issues, debating these issues and learning about Westminster. The children have chosen to focus their learning on the new smoking ban. I hope you have watched an excellent Sky Academy news report about this issue!

Throughout the year, the children will also be learning about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's), where they will have the opportunity to regularly link their learning to these.

Health and Wellbeing

The children are currently working with our Active Schools Coordinator, Jenny, to develop their skills in leading games for younger pupils. Our P7 pupils will have the opportunity to become Sports Leaders when we finish our training. The pupils will also have the opportunity to play rounders and football this term.

Expressive Arts

This year, we have the exciting opportunity to learn woodwind or brass instruments with music specialists from North Lanarkshire. We hope to share our musical journey with you throughout the year. Within art, the children will create a variety of artwork related to the UK Parliament. We will develop our expression and use of voice through our class debates. We have already had the opportunity to create scripts and perform in front of a camera at Sky Academy!

Technology

We will be researching different information related to our class topics throughout the year. The children will be continuing their coding journey, expanding their computing skills. We also had the opportunity to develop our editing and camera skills at Sky Academy. Within science, we will be exploring sustainability and renewable energy this term.

French

We will be learning numbers, days, months and seasons to support us in writing the date in French.

Literacy

The children have chosen the class novel, *The Accidental Time Traveller*, which the children and I are really enjoying. The children will also be reading a short non-fiction or fiction text to improve their literal and inferential understanding. The children will be involved in lots of discussion about their book and will complete a variety of tasks. They should read a novel of their choice as part of their homework. The children will be writing more detailed taught writing this year in preparation for high school. Therefore, we will be completing one detailed persuasive writing piece over a number of weeks to develop the detail and content in our work.

Numeracy

We will develop mental agility through weekly number talks, our countdown starter and times tables practice. The children will further develop their addition and subtraction strategies. We will be learning about data analysis, relating some of this learning to our UK Parliament topic. We will also be exploring money, with a focus on financial education. We will develop our problem-solving skills through answering a range of mathematical word problems and revising different strategies we can utilise.

Homework

Homework will be posted on Microsoft Teams on a Monday and should be completed in homework jotters and returned on Friday. The children are expected to engage in reading a novel of their choice, practising their spelling words and completing the Sumdog maths challenge. Please let us know if there are any issues with Teams or in accessing a device.

Things to Remember

Outdoor PE is on a **Friday** and indoor PE is on a **Wednesday**. Information regarding the PE Uniform can be found in Mrs Paterson's Newsletter. **Children must not wear any jewellery on PE days.** Mrs Smyth will be teaching the children about RME and aspects of health and wellbeing throughout the year.

Key Dates for the Term

- September Weekend Fri 27th – Mon 30th
- October Holiday Mon 14th – Fri 18th