

Welcome to our Primary 7 Newsletter!

**Term 1
2024**

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Welcome to Primary 7

I hope you have all had a great summer break. I am delighted to be back in class this year supporting our Primary 7 children as they begin the process of transitioning to High School. I am sure the enthusiasm they have started the year off with will continue as we try out new and exciting things!

Interdisciplinary Learning

The year kicks off with our IDL topic, The Scottish Parliament. They will learn about the main features of a democracy, the rights and responsibilities of citizens in Scotland, what powers are devolved and reserved and much more. They will have the opportunity to research, discuss and debate and write persuasive texts. Our topic will be enhanced with a visit to Sky Academy to show off our creative skills!

Literacy

We will start the year by reading a class novel, Wonder by RJ Palacio, a beautifully written story that evokes much discussion. This is an excellent book to read at the start of the year as it promotes the ideas of inclusivity and understanding that we are not only different but also the same in so many ways. Using the novel as a focus, the children will continue to develop their comprehension skills, build on their vocabulary and enhance their critical thinking. The class will continue to use the North Lanarkshire Spelling Programme to enhance and build on their spelling of common and tricky words, as their vocabulary grows.

ICT

Primary 7 will learn how to use the internet safely, develop their coding ability and learn to understand the importance of using reliable sources to research our IDL topic.

P.E

This term, our focus is on Team Games, building resilience, a sense of fair play and improving stamina. We will work together to develop ball skills, improving throwing and catching, playing football, rounders and basketball. Indoor lessons are on a **Wednesday** and outdoor lessons on a **Friday**.. Water bottles should be filled at home and are refilled during the school day – I would ask that children wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

Numeracy

Primary 7 will begin the year with a block of revision and extension of Number Processes. As well as this they will explore ways of creating, identifying and interpreting data as part of their Data Handling focus. They will apply their knowledge in real life contexts – particularly in relation to their Scottish Parliament focus. 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 every Monday 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 and I would ask that children devote time each week to understanding their times tables up to and including the 12 times table – this will greatly assist them in their daily number work.

Key Dates for the Term

Tuesday 3rd September – School Photographer.
Friday 6th September – Captain Elections.
Monday 9th September – Sky Academy Visit (P7).
Wednesday 11th September – Open Hour.
Friday 27th – Monday 30th September Weekend.