

## **Welcome to Primary 7**

Read on to find out what we will be learning about in Term 1.

### **LITERACY**

Reading skills will continue to develop with our Bug Club reading sessions as well as through our class novel. Bug Club books will also be allocated online for enjoying at home. In class spelling and grammar lessons will help us to develop our knowledge of the rules of our language. Our Big Writing focus will include developing detailed descriptive texts allowing our reader to picture the scene. We will also write newspaper articles to share information.

### **NUMERACY**

In Number Talks sessions we will add to our bank of mental strategies which will help us to solve problems quickly and accurately. These will include rounding and adjusting, counting on to count back and bridging. Times tables knowledge will be a focus through games and activities in class as we sharpen up our recall after the summer holidays. This will help us to divide with confidence. We will also explore algebraic thinking as we solve missing number problems.

### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

Our focus for Health and Wellbeing will be exploring and articulating our feelings and emotions as well as making healthy choices. We will be learning more about staying safe and healthy in the current climate and exploring our responsibilities around this. In PE we will use the outdoors as our gym hall and will be developing our stamina and fitness.

### **R.M.E.**

In **RME**, the focus this term will be Hinduism. Focusing on worship and beliefs, we will find out who Hindus worship and the different forms their God, Brahman, can take, whilst also giving the chance to think about how Hindu teachings relate to our own lives.

### **LANGUAGES**

P7 will learn to describe people in French and revise school vocabulary. In Spanish we will continue to build our vocabulary and perfect our pronunciation.

### **TOPIC**

This term our topic is 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. We will be reading together, discussing the issues within the book and taking part in lots of activities including drama and debating. Through this project we will also make links with science, technology, RME and Health and Wellbeing.

### **RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS**

We will continue to work towards the Rights Respecting School Award by focusing on: Article 2 (non-discrimination), Article 8 (Protection of identity), Article 12 (respect for children's views) and Article 42 (knowledge of rights). We will use these to inform discussion as we build our class charter agreement.

### **STEAM**

STEAM activities will be class based for the moment due to current restrictions. We will participate in lots of Science Talk about a variety of topics which helps us develop as scientifically literate citizens. Real life science and innovation will be explored too and we will participate in practical activities in class.

## **☺ HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME? ☺**

Primary 7 are encouraged to engage fully with homework. Times tables knowledge is a vital part of learning and we would encourage pupils to be practicing on a daily basis. Books have been issued to all pupils on Bug Club, these can be accessed through a tablet or computer. Sumdog is an excellent resource to enhance numeracy skills taught in class, children have their logins and this can be accessed online. Please remember to bring gym kits on a Monday and Friday!

During our recent parental views survey, parents suggested they would like to know more about our staff. Since we cannot have families in the building at the moment due to government guidelines to meet the teacher, we asked our boys and girls the types of questions they would like to know about their teachers. Read below to learn a little bit more about us and see some pictures of our lovely classroom.

Meet the teacher: Mrs Hogg



Hi,

I'm Lorraine Hogg and I'm delighted to be working with Primary 7 this year.

I live with my husband, two children and my cockapoo sidekick Honey. In my spare time I love reading, travelling and I try to run four times a week (Honey loves this more than me!)

Before I was a teacher I worked in the travel industry. I went back to university to become a teacher after my son Felix was born.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all this year.

Hi,

I'm Mr Downey and I am thrilled to be working with Primary 7 this year.

In my spare time I love exercising, travelling and spending time with my family and friends.

Ever since I was young, I have always wanted to work with children. Therefore, I decided to become a teacher.

One of my aspirations in life is to see as much of the world as I can.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you this year.

Meet the NCCT teacher: Mr Downey

