



Teachers: Mrs Oliver, Mrs McEvoy and Primary

Welcome to Primary 7!

What a busy first few weeks we have had! Your children have settled in exceptionally well to the routine of Primary 7 and are working so hard. We know this will be a very successful year for them and we are looking forward to all the great things ahead in the coming session. Class teachers have met with Auchendarvie staff who have put together a comprehensive transition programme. This will begin with a parent's information session later this month, followed-up with challenge day for the children in November. Dates to follow soon. This has proved very successful in the past in preparing your young people as best we can for their next big chapter.



Literacy

This term in literacy, we will be focussing on writing description texts. The purpose of descriptive writing is to describe a person, place or thing in such a way that a picture is formed in the reader's mind. We will use adjectives, similes and metaphors to up-level our writing and really bring our pieces to life. We have already created and described our monsters which the class really enjoyed!

We have started our new class novel called 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Scottish author Ross MacKenzie. The book tells the story of Daniel and how his life changes forever when he stumbles upon a strange shop called The Nowhere Emporium, which has mysteriously arrived in Glasgow. Take time to chat to your child about our class novel. Lots of our work this term will be related to the book including: answering different types of questions about the book independently in our jotters, talking and listening in group reflective reading tasks, creating art work inspired by the book and researching the different cities that the Emporium visits.



Numeracy

This term in numeracy, we will be focussing on our mental strategies to solve a variety of calculations. We begin our lessons with a 'Number Talk' where the children are asked to show a variety of different ways to find the answer to a given sum or problem. We are spending time on becoming more accurate in reciting and recalling our times tables. Groups will be focussing on place value, including decimal numbers, and in mathematics, we will be calculating the volume of 3D shapes and their surface areas.

Other Curricular Areas / Arran

In November, most of us will be heading off to The Arran Outdoor Centre in Lamlash for our residential school trip. In preparation for this we will be using maps to locate and learn the names of the villages and main tourist attractions in Arran. We will also learn about the local wildlife and the No Take Zone, which is in Lamlash Bay. We are all very excited and looking forward to taking part in the winter activities in Arran; it is a great opportunity for your child to learn new skills and develop their independence. When they return you can look forward to their bed being made, floors being hoovered and tables being cleaned!



P.E

This term in P.E we will be taking part in a series of lessons with fitness circuits. We will be working on developing our fitness levels and, through practice, we will try to improve our performance when doing sit ups, skipping, burpees and mountain climbers. After that, we will be doing hockey and gymnastics, which we are looking forward to.

Our gym days are Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child has their kit with them, including indoor shoes, and remove any jewellery.

What you can do to help your child

Please make sure your child can log on to their Glow at home.



They should know their user name and password, but please let us know if they need to be reset.

There are other novels written by Ross MacKenzie which you may want to encourage your child to read at home. If you have a library card, you can find books here <https://north-ayrshire.spydus.co.uk/> or use Borrowbox to download onto devices <https://northayrshire.borrowbox.com>

Please practise multiplication tables as much as you can at home, in the car or on a walk. Knowing their tables well really gives your child a head start in all areas of numeracy and maths. Practise here:

Hit the Button



Arithmetic



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