

Primary 7a Newsletter



November
2015



Our Learning Achievements

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| <p>Literacy & Language</p> | <p>We have finished our modelling block using the book 'Jammy Dodgers on the Run' and moved onto our group novels. We are continuing to use comprehension strategies independently to develop our understanding of the text. We are also learning interesting new vocabulary which Miss Mercer is looking out for in our writing. We call these WOW words! We are focusing on tricky common words in spelling and developing strategies to help us spell accurately. Using dictionaries and checking spelling is important to improve and edit our work. We have been writing different genre pieces. In particular, reports and explanations through our IDL theme of Inventions and Inventors.</p> |
| <p>Numeracy & Mathematics</p> | <p>Our numeracy focus has been addition, subtraction and multiplication so far. We have been learning written and formal methods of calculation as well as trying to improve our mental agility with regular practice of number facts using the 'wee red box' flash cards from the Maths on Track programme. We have also investigated 2D and 3D shape. We can confidently talk about shapes using mathematical language.</p> |
| <p>Health & Wellbeing</p> | <p>In order to stay active and improve our fitness we attend swimming and gym at the Tryst sports centre every Thursday. So far we have focused on Handball and Miss Mercer even joined in as part of the girls team against the boys! It was great fun. Our swimming technique is really improving too. We have been working with Mrs. Richmond on My Community and Environment. This will also be linked to our next IDL and our class assembly will be 'I am active and healthy'.</p> |
| <p>Expressive Arts</p> | <p>Mrs. McMillan has continued to support us with music and we enjoy singing different styles of music each week as well getting opportunities to try different instruments. Many of us are in the choir and play instruments too. In art we focused on sketching and portraits through our IDL theme. Some of us painted very striking portraits of Scottish Inventors.</p> |
| <p>Religious & Moral Education</p> | <p>We have worked with Mrs. Richmond on Buddhism this term. We have learned about The Four Noble Truths and The Noble Eightfold Path.</p> |
| <p>Social Studies & Science</p> | <p>In Social Studies we showcased our learning about Scottish Inventors. We are moving on to our next IDL theme of 'Water' which focuses on global citizenship and our sense of community. Mrs. Richmond has just started science practical investigations with us. We are investigating mould. We are watching our slices of bread with anticipation to see what happens!</p> |
| <p>Technologies</p> | <p>We have been focusing on James Dyson technology challenge cards. One of our challenges was to build a cardboard chair that would support our weight but without using glue, tape or anything to join it. We came up with some very innovative ideas. In ICT we update our class blog regularly. Have a look!.</p> |



Come and see more of our learning by visiting our class blog!

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During the last week of October, Primary 7 visited Kilbowie Outdoor Centre for 5 days. It was a fantastic experience. We tried lots of new activities such as canoeing, skiing and gorge walking. The weather was great and it was so good to get out into the fresh air every day. Check out some of our photographs. There are also lots of photographs on the school website's Kilbowie blog. We have started thinking about our transition to secondary school. Some teachers from Greenfaulds have already visited our class and we have been to Greenfaulds for a visit too. We will be taking part in a project with all of our cluster primaries and presenting this to the Secondary school after Christmas. Some of us recently attended a cross country competition and there will be lots more events coming up to get us involved in Secondary school life.

Our class assembly is on Friday 27th November at 9.30 am. We would be delighted if parents/carers (1/2 per family) could join us to hear about our learning. If you would like to come to see us please complete and return the slip below to your child's class teacher. This will allow us to make sure enough seats will be set out for everyone.



Class Assembly Reply Slip

Name of Child: _____

Class: P7a _____

Name of Parent/Carer: _____

I would like to reserve 1 / 2 (delete as appropriate) places for my child's assembly.