

Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



P7 Term 2 Class Newsletter

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A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Happy new year and welcome parents and carers to Primary 7's newsletter for Term 3. I hope that you all had a nice relaxing break and are ready for the term ahead. The children have shown great enthusiasm and excitement for this year already especially with it being the lead up to their transition to high school.

Literacy - Reading

We are continuing in our reading groups within the classroom where the children have been given their own reading books and are progressing at their own pace through the tasks. The North Lanarkshire Active Literacy programme focuses on key reading strategies (Prior Knowledge, Inference, Metalinguistics, Main Idea, Summarisation and Visualisation). We are working towards creating a more fluid approach to reading strategies where we are now encouraging the children to consider how to use multiple strategies at once. Completing reading of their novel at home will help the children greatly during class tasks.

Literacy - Writing

The writing genre for writing this term will be Persuasive. The children will draw on their learning from other areas of the curriculum which will provide writing stimulus such as Internet Safety and Robert Burns Day. As always focus will be placed on encouraging the children to improve their core targets such as handwriting and punctuation.

Literacy - Grammar and Punctuation

This term we will look at understanding suffixes and root words as well as other writing techniques such metaphors and similes.

Literacy - Phonics and Spelling

Primary 7 will continue to follow the North Lanarkshire's Active Literacy Spelling Program. Within the class we are encouraging the children to use spelling rules and topic specific vocabulary.

Literacy - Talking and Listening

As part of learning the Scots Language, the children will be exploring modern Scottish translations of familiar stories such as Jock and the Muckle Beanstalk and the Glasgow Gruffalo. During these lessons the children will be encouraged to consider expression and pace when reading out loud. There will also be an opportunity to take part in the Cumbernauld and District Burn's Club competition, details of which will be sent out at a later date.

Modern Languages- French

French will be taught by Mrs Vernet this term who will be revising the children's knowledge of classroom talk, numbers, likes/dislikes, hobbies and subjects.

Homework

The class continue to have a consistent hard-work ethic towards their homework, which is wonderful to see and will be good preparation for the expectations in high school. Last term, due to other commitments in during class at that time of year we found it difficult to fit in the time to read the full class novel. This term, I would like to encourage the children to read their novel at home to help supplement their learning in class. Homework remains optional however spending a small amount of time on this will greatly benefit their learning in class. The homework grid with IDL themed tasks are attached with this newsletter. We will continue to provide spellings words as well as small mental maths activities.

Interdisciplinary Project: Electricity and Light

This term we will focus on light looking at how we see, refraction, reflection of light, how light travels, shadows and colours. The children will be learning their topic through experiments as well as linking this with other areas of the curriculum such as art and technology.

Mathematics

This term the class will be looking at money, 2D and 3D shape, money, patterns and relationships and fractions, decimals and percentages. For our topic of money, we will focus on emphasis things such as budgeting, profit and loss and revising calculating change. For mental maths we will look at revisiting learning from number process at the beginning of the year.

Health and Well-Being

This term Mrs McDaid will be teaching dance and gymnastics. **Please note that there has been a change to our P.E. times this term which are Wednesday afternoons (outdoor) and Thursday afternoons (indoor).** Outdoor P.E. times are subject to the weather. As always, please ensure that your child adheres to the school uniform policy.

Religious and Moral Education

Mrs McDaid will also be teaching the children RME this term looking at practices and traditions such as Chinese New Year and the Easter Story.

Expressive Arts

We will be integrating art with our topic theme of light by creating optical illusion art as well as looking at creating our own street art. We will also look at opportunities to create art from our novel studies and Robert Burns Day to create some expressive art pieces.

ICT / Technologies

We continue to integrate digital technologies across the curriculum as much as possible particularly for researching purposes and will be using this for our learning of money in maths as well as literacy for a variety of tasks. However, we will be focusing on cyber resilience and online safety this term.

Leavers Hoodies

There is an opportunity for the children to order a leavers hoodie. Jill Shepherd has kindly offered to organise this and has set up a Facebook page with the details for this. The children were given information on this however you can also email her directly at p7leaversbps@gmail.com. The order for hoodies is due no later than the **19th of February**. Please ensure if you wish to order a hoodie that your order is received prior to this date to allow time for printing and production.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly on nlwrighta4@glow.sch.uk or alternatively phone the school on 01236 632058.

Kind regards,

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