



Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome your child to P7/6. I am looking forward to an enjoyable and exciting year for all of us. As I have explained to the class, being senior pupils demands the highest standards in work, behaviour and manners and I am sure that the children will rise to the challenge admirably. Our class values this year are honesty and perseverance, throughout the year we will be working to develop these values in ourselves through class and whole school experiences. P7 pupils will be able to apply for the position of Captain, Vice-Captain or Prefect. P6 pupils will be able to apply to be part of pupil voice committees.

Homework

Each term a grid will be given out with a variety of homework activities, these tasks are optional and can be returned to myself. The main emphasis of homework is reading. Each child should complete a minimum of 20 minutes reading per night. This should be recorded in your child's reading record. Each night the pages read should be recorded in the jotter and the entry signed by a parent at the end of the week. This record will be checked by myself each week. The class has been signed up to Study Ladder, Sumdog and Education City and the children have been given their individual logins. There are activities allocated to the children and they will be updated to match our class work.

Maths

This term in maths we will begin with some revision before moving onto place value. This will include numbers up to millions. From here we will move onto developing our mental strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at 3D and 2D shapes. We will be making use of Sumdog in class, as well as Education City, to help the children develop their skills, particularly with mental maths and times tables. This can be accessed at home. I would strongly recommend encouraging your children to use this at home, it can be downloaded onto tablets and phones and the children will be aware of their logins.

Literacy

In literacy we will be using higher order reading strategies to promote comprehension and enjoyment of fiction texts. Reading for information from our wide range of topic books and internet sources will also be important. For our modelling block we will be reading the novel *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, this novel ties in with our IDL topic on The Rainforest.

In writing we will focus on the genres of Information and taking independent notes. We will also be looking at recount text. Writing will be closely linked to our interdisciplinary topic as well as varied writing activities across the curriculum. Particular focus on the accuracy of

spelling, use of dictionaries and presentation of work will be a high priority. Listening and talking will feature in many interdisciplinary activities, but there will also be opportunities to specifically further these essential skills. Any children who are currently using IDL for spelling should continue to access this at home. If there are any issues with this, please let me know.

Grammar and spelling

Miss Paterson will work with the children on a Wednesday afternoon each week. During this time she will be working on improving the children's understanding and use of grammar, along with developing spelling strategies and rules.

French

The children will continue to learn French, we will begin with revision of topics learned such as numbers, days of the week, months and body parts.

Interdisciplinary Topic

Our main topic this term is The Tropical Rainforest and related World Geography. Please encourage your child to research any relevant information from sources they may have at home.

STEM

Moving forward the whole school are participating in STEM lessons on a Monday afternoon. For these lessons P7/6 will be working with P6 in mixed groups. Each fortnight the children will work on either a science based lesson with Mr Clark or an IT lesson with myself. This will help the children develop new skills and develop teambuilding skills.

H.W.B

Our P.E. sessions will be outdoor on a Tuesday and indoor on a Friday.

Any jewellery should be removed or covered for P.E. lessons. Our focus this term will be rebound skills, this will include developing skills in a range of different games such as handball, netball and football. We will also be looking at healthy lifestyles and healthy food.

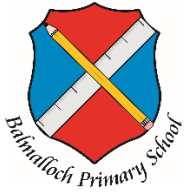
R.M.E.

Our religious education programme this term will involve learning about Islam, the main focus will be on Heroes of Islam, the companions of the Prophet Mohammad.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at enquires-at-balmalloch@northlan.org.uk

Regards

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Home Learning Tasks P7/6 - Term 2

Every child **MUST DO** reading homework every night for 15-20 minutes, record this on your Reading Record. Include: reading on your own, with a brother or sister, or being read to by an adult. Below are additional activities that you can discuss with your parents and complete if you choose to do so. Please hand in any additional homework on completion.

Draw an animal from the Rainforest. Remember to make your piece bright and colourful, focusing on the animal's details.	Look for a news article that interests you. Rewrite the main ideas of the article in your own words. You could find out about the children who survived a real plane crash in the Amazon.	Find some statistics on the wildlife in the Amazon rainforest.
Listen to a piece of music influenced by the rainforest. Try searching for rainforest music. How does it make you feel?	Practise your times tables. Can you use doubles to help? Remember times tables are just repeated addition.	Copy out a passage from your favourite book with no punctuation. Can you add the punctuation back in correctly without looking at the book? Could you add speech to it? Can you find any similes or metaphors? Examples of onomatopoeia?
Look for large numbers around you. What was the attendance for sporting events? How much have recent footballers been sold for? Can you write these numbers in figures and words?	Keep yourself healthy by doing 60 minutes of moderate-vigorous intensity physical activity daily; include muscle and bone strengthening exercises at least 3 times per week.	Make a healthy snack with a parent, guardian or relative. Record the different food groups.
Visit the local library. Try to read a book from a different genre or different author than you would usually choose.	Look around and try to identify parallel and perpendicular lines in the shapes around you. Where can you find them in the house? Can you draw these shapes?	Log onto Study ladder and try to complete the tasks set.

Websites that provide further ideas for Literacy and Numeracy tasks:

- Studyladder (use your own login details) - Maths, Literacy and Cross Curricular Activities available
- Sumdog (use your own login details) - Maths and Spelling/Grammar
- Topmarks.co.uk - Maths and Literacy Games
- BBC Bitesize KS2 - good for revision
- Woodlands Junior Homework Help - Maths and Literacy