



Primary 7 Newsletter

October 2023



Literacy

This term the children will be focusing on poetry within the class to further develop their comprehension skills and use of language. Specifically we will be exploring how the writers develop theme, character and setting; as well as answering a variety of questions about what we have read.

Our writing focus for the coming term will be **narrative** and **instructional**. Children will be exploring elements of **figurative language**, **direct speech** and **vocabulary** to help them create stories that engage and interest the reader.

We will continue to work through our **North Lanarkshire** spelling programme, exploring a range of spelling rules and common words.

Numeracy

Children will continue to develop their mental fluency and number skills using the **Number Talks** programme. This term we will be focusing on exploring strategies for **addition** and **subtraction**, using carefully planned for 5-10 minute activities.

Within our wider maths children will continue to explore the theme of **number**, **money** and **measure** in greater depth. We will be focusing on our knowledge of the **four operations**, as well as **negative numbers**; **multiples**, **factors** and **primes**; **expressions** and **equations**; and **rounding**.



Health and Wellbeing

Physical Education Focus

Our P.E. days for this term will be a **Monday** and **Friday**.

Indoor P.E. - Monday with Miss MacKenzie, ball skills and

handball development.

Outdoor P.E. - Friday, with a focus on tag rugby followed by hockey.

SHANARRI Indicator Focus

Each month we have a different focus:

October - Health, Physical Education Physical Activity and Sport.

November - Achieving, Healthy Lifestyles

December - Nurtured, Food and Health



Wider Curricular Areas

Interdisciplinary Learning - This term we will be exploring the theme of **conflict** after children expressed an interest in learning more about previous world wars, as well as current conflicts.

Science - the children will be extending their knowledge of the human body, discovering more about their sensory organs and various body systems.

Religious and Moral Education - towards December time we will be exploring the theme of "winter festivals" learning more about the ways in which various religions celebrate at this time of year.

Play and Outdoor Learning

Within the classroom we are exploring more play, both within a structured context and as free play opportunities. During this time we are developing our ability to cooperate, turn take and listen to others.

Our outdoor learning will be planned for in a way that provides scope for children to further explore their class-based learning in different contexts.



Dates to Remember

- 30th October to 3rd November - Strathclyde Park Activity week.