

Responsibilities

In P7 there is an expectation that pupils will:

- Come to school prepared and organised.
- Adhere to the school uniform expectations.
- Complete set reading homework (30 minutes each night), in good time to ensure class tasks are completed successfully.
- Set an example to others in terms of attitude and behaviour both in and out of school.
- Become increasingly independent.
- Develop a range of problem solving skills and strategies to deal with issues within the school, and social circumstances.

Absences

- To keep your child's record up to date, please note any absences from school must be notified through the office and not through Class Dojo.



What can you do to help? :

- Join our Class Dojo and Whitelees Twitter account to keep up to date with current learning.
- Talk to your child about their school day, and ask questions about their learning.
- Encourage your child to pack their own school bag and P.E. Kit, showing an awareness for what is happening the next day.
- If possible, promote your child's sense of independence by beginning to let them walk to school, helping to develop their time management skills.
- Managing your child's time on technology has a direct impact on classroom focus and behaviour.

If you would like to find out more about how best to support your child's learning, visit our class blogs at...

www.whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk

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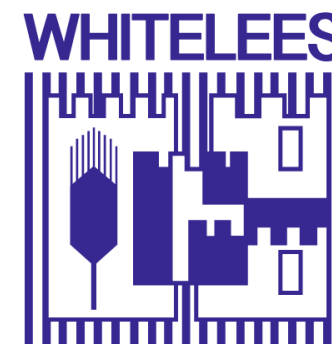
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WHITELEES PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRIMARY 7

Parent Guide



Reading

Children will read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts throughout the course of the year from the NLC Active Literacy programme for P7. We encourage children to be reading their own home books to help further develop their reading and vocabulary skills. Children will work on their class reading book using the 6 Reading Strategies.

Strategy 1 – Prior Knowledge

Strategy 2 – Metalinguistics

Strategy 3 – Visualisation

Strategy 4 – Inference

Strategy 5 - Main Ideas

Strategy 6 - Summarising

Writing

Children will follow the NLC Stage 7 Writing programme. Four days of your child's written work will be linked to your child's reading book. One session will be a dedicated Taught Writing Lesson covering the following genres:

- Narrative
- Information
- Instructional/Procedural
- Discursive
- Recount
- Explanation
- Report

Spelling

Children will follow the Stage 7 spelling programme. Each week will focus on a different spelling rule or topic specific vocabulary. Spelling words will be practised as part of daily literacy lessons, and as homework. Words will be tested on a Friday along with a dictated passage.

Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing is taught through the use of the Healthy Schools pack and the Knowing Me, Knowing You programme, which focuses on the SHANARRI indicators. The SHANARRI indicators are:

- Safe
- Healthy
- Achieving
- Nurtured
- Active
- Respected
- Responsible
- Included

Alongside this the children will also experience two hours of physical education each week, with two sessions split between indoor P.E and outdoor P.E. There is a structured plan to follow, allowing each child the opportunity to explore a range of different sports and to improve techniques.

- As they move through the school, we increase the amount of homework that we give your child. Children in Primary 7 are expected to complete between 20-30 minutes of homework each night. Homework will consist of spelling, reading, maths and choice tasks. Please sign pupil's Homework Tasks and write any comments that helps support their learning.

Maths and Numeracy

In Primary 7 the children will follow the progression pathway devised by North Lanarkshire, allowing them to experience a range of different focuses. All children will work at a level to suit their ability. Children will be learning new concepts, as well as developing taught skills and linking them through problem solving and real life situations. The NLC Maths Pathway allows a vast range of Maths topics. These topics include:
Number and Number Processes
Shape, Position and Movement
Money, Time and Measure

Number Talks

At the beginning of each maths lesson the class will spend around 15 minutes developing their mental agility and recall speed through 'Number Talks'. This is a programme designed to equip children with a multitude of different strategies to solve equations, as well as allowing the children the floor to discuss their own thought processes.

Class Dojo and Communication

Class Dojo points have been agreed in consultation with the class e.g. PE kit, Homework in on time, Spelling and Working Hard. Children have the opportunity to earn dojos but they can also lose Dojo's which are non-negotiable. If you are messaging Class Teachers – please be aware that we are teaching throughout the day so it may be the end of the school. .day before we are able to respond. Please be aware Class Dojo is switched off at 5 o'clock. Important messages must go through the school office.