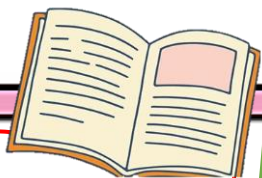


# Primary 7 Newsletter

## October 2024



### 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. During this time we will be reading **Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**.

Our writing focus for the coming term will be **narrative**. 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 **estimation and rounding**; **money**; and **negative numbers**.



### Health and Wellbeing

#### Physical Education Focus

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

**Indoor P.E.** - Wednesday, with a focus on handball and input

from Mark from Active Schools/Tryst77.

**Outdoor P.E.** - Friday, with a focus on tag rugby.

#### SHANARRI Indicator Focus

Each month we have a different focus:

**October** - Health, Food and Health

**November** - Achieving, Physical Education Physical Activity and Sport

**December** - Nurtured, Healthy Lifestyles



### Wider Curricular Areas

**Interdisciplinary Learning** - This term we will be learning more about **Enterprise and Business**, in the lead up to our school Christmas fayre. This will also help us when we begin our social enterprise later in the school year.

**Science** - The focus topic will be **Inheritance and DNA**, with the children learning more about what makes them unique and how traits are passed down through generations.

**Expressive Arts** - This term the children are lucky enough to have specialist input from Mr. Abercrombie, a music instructor, who will be delivering music lessons with the children learning to play an instrument before recording a song together.

### 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

- 01.11.2024 - School Halloween activities
- 14.11.2024 - Parent Council Disco
- 30.11.2024 - Christmas Fayre
- 06.12.2024 - Christmas Jumper Day and Panto
- 17.12.2024 - P6 and P7 Christmas Party