

Primary 7 Newsletter

January 2025

Literacy

This term the children will be focusing on elements of non-fiction texts within the class to further develop their comprehension skills. Specifically we will be exploring elements such as **making notes to create texts, finding information from different sources, discussing the purpose and main idea of a text** and further understanding the difference between **fact and opinion**.

We will also continue to use the **comprehension strategies** through exploring fiction texts such as **The Nowhere Emporium**.

Our writing focus for the coming term will be **information reports and persuasive pieces**.

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 **subtraction and multiplication** 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 **fractions, decimals and percentages; measure; expressions and equations; and patterns**.

Health and Wellbeing

Physical Education Focus

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

Indoor P.E. - Thursday, with a focus on badminton and netball.

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

SHANARRI Indicator Focus

Each month we have a different focus:

January - Active, Food and Health

February - Respected, Physical Education Physical Activity and Sport

March - Responsible, Healthy Lifestyles

Wider Curricular Areas

Interdisciplinary Learning - This term our main IDL focus will be on looking at **Sustainability** and how this can be achieved within **Scotland**. We will be discussing elements such as land use, renewable energy and the **sustainability goals**.

Social Studies - As a school we have a focus on **Scotland** throughout this term and, as part of a **history/geography** based topic, the children will be learning more about the city of **Edinburgh**.

Expressive Arts - In keeping with our **Scotland** theme, the children will be learning more about, and creating work inspired by, **Charles Rennie Mackintosh**.

RME - At the beginning of the term we will be exploring **Winter Festivals**, from a variety of different religions and cultures.

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

- 24.01.2025 - Burns Assembly
- 13.02.2025 - Proposed Parent Council Disco
- 06.03.2025 - Parent's Evening
- 07.03.2024 - World Book Day
- WC 24.03.2025 - POLO Day
- 04.04.2025 - Easter Service