



Heathfield Primary School and Early Years Centre



Primary 7 Curriculum Newsletter
October -December 2021



Literacy

For the first five weeks after the October holidays, Primary 7 will be continuing to develop their skills in writing. This term we are using the Talk for Writing, non-fiction process to write information reports. These reports will also allow children to develop skills in research, as they will be finding information in their chosen topic for the report during our ICT time. During this term, we will also continue using the Active Literacy comprehension strategies while investing a novel. We will be focusing on Inference and theme.

Numeracy

As part of our Winter Wonderland Enterprise context for learning, we will be taking a close look at budgeting. The children will learn about costings and how to successfully make a profit. Following that, we will move on to multiplication and division and will develop our understanding of the different strategies we can use to successfully calculate both operations.

IDL -Biodiversity

At Dolphin House, the Primary 7's began learning about the different species of plants and animals that are located on the Scottish coast. We will continue to learn about plant and animal species in different habitats when we return to school. We will then move on to planning our Winter Wonderland event!

Community Event

We will be taking part in Children in Need this year, raising funds to support this great cause. In December, we will invite the school to join us at our Winter Wonderland.

Health and Wellbeing

In Health and Wellbeing, we will continue to focus on conflict resolution and building positive relationships through Circle Time with Mrs Hardy. For PE this term, we will be focussing of improving the children's fitness. We will complete Park Run at Prestwick Oval and look at different exercises to help us keep fit. Moreover, we will be working with Aiden from Active Schools who will help the children to complete their Junior Coaching Academy Award. This will allow the P7's to lead clubs for the P1-3's later in the year.



Important Reminders



Children in Need - Friday 19th November
Winter Wonderland (children in school only) - Friday 3rd December
Carol Singing - Location / Dates / Times to be confirmed
Christmas Party - date to be confirmed
End of Term - Wednesday 22nd December (2.30pm close)
Start of New Term - Thursday 6th January

Dolphin House

All of our P7 classes have now had the opportunity to experience life at Dolphin House. While there, we experienced lots of fun activities including stream and gorge walking, caving, and rock pooling. Many of the experiences undertaken were new to us and we will now use our understanding of what we learned about conservation to achieve our John Muir Award. Our stay at Dolphin House has also taught us about Biodiversity in a local context, which ties in with our current context for learning.

Fundraising

As we begin our busy second term, we turn our focus to our fundraising efforts. Our aim is to raise enough money to buy everyone a leaver hoodie. To allow us to do this, we will be forming both a fundraising and a Winter Wonderland committee. Fundraising planned for this term includes carol singing and a Winter Wonderland sale, which all the children in the school can attend. High quality crafts will be on sale and children will have the opportunity to have a go at some games with prizes too!

Fun Fortnight Update

Following our virtual meeting with parents, just prior to the October break, we have lots of fun ideas for our last two weeks of the session. The children have also given us some great ideas to think about and already, we have booked the Assault Course, Silent Disco and a day of fun with Active Schools. We are currently costing a skiing excursion and a visit to come inflatables too. As we move on through the year, we will add to this list and will continue to fundraise, in the hope of keeping the cost as low as possible for families.

Christmas Party

As you will be aware, last year we had to have our Christmas Party in our classrooms. This session however, with the removal of the class bubbles, we have provisionally planned an evening party for the children. We are currently planning the format for this and will send out more information as soon as we have it.