



Heathfield Primary and Early Years Centre

Curriculum Newsletter

Term 3 2024 Primary 7



Literacy and English

Listening and Talking

This term we will continue to develop our notetaking skills, with a particular focus on the Holocaust. This will tie in with our current IDL work.

Reading

Currently, we are reading 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne and further developing our skills in the use of the 6 Active Literacy strategies. When we have completed the book, we will then move on to group novels.

Writing

Our focus in writing will be a portal story, which will see the class develop their detail and description, as their characters are transported to another world, where they will then need to find their way back from!

Health and Wellbeing

We will shortly begin transition PE sessions at Prestwick Academy (More details to follow). This will give the children the opportunity to become familiar with the facilities available. We will also start our annual Sports' Championship, the content of which will be decided upon by the children.

This term will see us complete the P7 sexual health lessons. We will send out information for about this separately.

Contexts for Learning

We currently have a focus on the Holocaust and will follow this with the remainder of our WW2 work.

In the last few weeks of term, our IDL will be Art and the Visual Elements.

Numeracy and Mathematics

This term, we have developed our skills in finding the area and perimeter of compound shapes. Next, we will learn about fractions focussing on finding fractions of amounts, converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers and developing our understanding of adding and subtracting fractions. We will then look at negative numbers and will have experience of solving problems involving integers. Finally, we will cover percentages and making the link between decimals, fractions and percentages.

Websites to support Home Learning

- Accelerated Reader
- Sumdog

Reminders

PE day are currently a Tuesday and Thursday. This will change to a Thursday only as the transition PE timetable starts.

Our auditions for the school show are underway. Performances will be 4th, 5th and 6th June. If your child is on holiday or will not be available to attend all three nights, please let us know.

Dates for your diary

As you will be aware, we will have a number of different transition dates soon for the different schools our children will be attending. We will send out a separate transition newsletter shortly to let you know when these dates are.

January

25th Scottish Poetry Event

26th HMD Fragility

February

2nd Macmillan Coffee Morning

9th Park Run

10th Chinese New Year

12th HOLIDAY

13th INSERVICE

March

7th World Book Day

13th Discos

15th Red Nose Day







20th and 21st Parents Evenings

28th Close for Easter 2.30

Dates will be updated monthly on the school newsletter - please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Home Learning Grid

<p style="text-align: center;">Guidance for Parents</p> <p>We respect the unique set of circumstances and values each family has and home learning is parental choice and will not be 'marked' by teachers. Please do as many or as few tasks listed below. If your child requires additional support with any learning tasks the class teacher will discuss this with you individually. Home learning should never be stressful for a family. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reading</p> <p>We do strongly encourage that families develop regular reading routines. We recommend 10 - 15 minutes each day. Make it comfortable and enjoyable to develop a love of reading for enjoyment. Books can be read to and with children and audio books are a great way to develop vocabulary and story structure.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>We also encourage wellness. We want children to be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included. We love to hear about any out of school clubs and achievements.</p>
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<p>Listening and talking</p> <p>We have been focussing on note taking so far this term. Watch the short video below and take notes. At the end of term, we will complete a talking and listening exercise, which you will complete, using the notes you have taken.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spelling/Handwriting/Grammar</p> <p>Practise your spelling words / spelling rule (these will be sent out each week) using any strategy from the grid. Spelling words will be chosen in class each Monday and will change weekly.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reading</p> <p>Reading at home is one of our reading '5 a day', providing 5 opportunities to read, in a variety of different forms. Please also try reading to a family member for 15 minutes, three times per week and two times on your own.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>https://www.sumdog.com/sc/</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Over the next few months you will have the opportunity to meet different members of staff from the academies. Prepare a list of questions you would like to ask them when they are in.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Context/Skills based</p> <p>To tie in with our learning about Anne Frank, keep a journal or diary for a week. Note down what you have done, as well as your thoughts and feelings.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Other discrete subject learning</p> <p>Watch Madagascar JR. online, listening to the words and the plot. This will help prepare you for rehearsals and will make you familiar with each character in the show.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Helping at Home</p> <p>Research a WW2 recipe online or in books and then try making it at home to let your family taste it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Global Citizenship</p> <p>This term will see the return of Comic Relief, which helps lots of good causes around the world with the money it raises. At home, come up with some good ideas that we could do to fundraise and let's make this year's Comic Relief the best one yet.</p>

