

Heathfield Primary and EYC Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 5



Dates for Your Diary

Primary 3 - 7 STAR Reader Assessments and P4 and P7 NSAS

Wednesday 6th 6pm Parent Council Meeting

Friday 8th Outdoor Classroom Day Please note change of date.

Monday 11th Anti Bullying Week

Friday 15th Children in Need - Dress Down Day

Monday 18th Book Week Scotland

Monday 18th Road Safety Week

December

Monday 2nd Christmas Post Boxes out

Friday 6th Dress Down day and bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 11th P3 - 7 to Panto

Thursday 12th EYC to P7 Christmas lunch

Friday 13th Christmas fayre

Tuesday 17th P1 - 3 Nativity

Tuesday 17th P5 and 6 Party

Wednesday 18th P1 - 3 Nativity

Wednesday 18th pm P3 and 4 Christmas Party

Thursday 19th P1 and 2 Cinema Trip

Thursday 19th EYC Show am and EYC party pm.

Friday 20th Winter assembly

Friday 20th Close at 2.30pm



Remember...

Our school uniform is: white shirt or polo shirt, with a red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan.

Please remember that we may take our learning outside so all children should bring a jacket.

The children will have PE on the following days:

Tuesday and Wednesday

Pupils should have shorts and shoes in their gym bag all year round.



Literacy and English

We will be developing our listening and talking skills through giving and following clear instructions for a range of games. This links with our writing in which we will be creating instructional texts using appropriate organisation and punctuation. This term both classes will be reading 'Charlotte's Web,' focusing on developing our comprehension strategies further. We will continue to cover a range of phonemes, prefixes and spelling rules, decoding and encoding a variety of words.

Numeracy and Maths

We will be exploring multiplication and division strategies and applying these to a range of problems. We will be introducing decimals and exploring fractions and percentages. In addition to this we will be consolidating telling the time and calculating time durations. We would really appreciate if you could practise telling the time on an analogue clock at home.



Health and Wellbeing

Mrs McDermott and Miss Dodds deliver our P.E. on a Tuesday and will be focusing on passing and defending. On a Wednesday we will be looking at target sports and then beginning social dancing. Each month we explore at least one Right of the Child, linking it to other areas of the curriculum. We will also be focusing on Anti-Bullying Week.

Context for Learning

This term we will be exploring light and sound. This will include investigating how the eye and ear work and identifying the different parts. We will be learning some Makaton and continuing music with Mr Hill. We are excited to carry out some experiments related to soundwaves, shadows and optical illusions.



Home Learning

Guidance for Parents

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.

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.

What can we do at home?

Literacy and English

We encourage pupils to read for 20 minutes a night either independently or with an adult. Pupils are welcome to borrow books from school and also have online articles and stories on their Accelerated Reader accounts. Any form of writing is encouraged whether this is a creative story, a diary entry, research on a topic of interest or an informative poster.

Numeracy and Maths

Pupils are encouraged to spend at least 30 minutes per week on Sumdog. Top Marks - Hit the Button is a good website for practising multiplication facts.

It would be great if you could regularly ask your child the time, using both analogue and digital clocks. Calculate time durations such as drives to the shop or the time it takes to make dinner.

Health and Wellbeing

As Road Safety Week begins on November 18th, pupils are encouraged to reflect on their own road safety knowledge. It would be great if pupils could log in to Road Safety Scotland to find out more.

[Second \(P5, P6, P7\) - Road Safety Scotland](#)

Context for Learning

We would love if pupils could create a musical instrument using recyclable materials or things from around the house. Pupils can also use an app or website such as 'Garage Band' to create their own track.

Websites to Support Home Learning

Sumdog: www.sumdog.com

Accelerated Reader: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal> (code: RP-17446528)

Hit the Button: www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button