# Room 7 - Term 1 Newsletter

#### **Literacy**

## Reading

We will be reading the novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as a whole class. Activities will be differentiated for each group in order to meet the needs of all children. Children will be asked to read silently, in pairs and aloud (if they feel comfortable to do so). We will use North Lanarkshire's Active Literacy approach which focusses on 6 main strategies:

- 1. Prior Knowledge making connections between what has been read and our everyday lives
- 2. Metalinguistics learning definitions and how to use new and unknown words from the text
- 3. Visualisations displaying an understanding of what has been read through mind-maps, timelines and story plans
- 4. Inference reading 'between the lines' and finding evidence
- 5. Main themes discussing the main themes which arise in a text
- 6. Summarising summarising what has been read in our own words

# **Writing and Spelling**

Mrs Colquhoun will be supporting the children in class during Writing sessions this year and the main focus this term will be personal writing. The children will continue to develop their understanding of VCOP and will be encouraged to use it to enhance their written work. Spelling words will be given out on Monday and practised daily using a variety of strategies. The children will be developing their grammar and practising their handwriting on a weekly basis.

## This term we will be learning to:

#### Cubes

- Round 4 and 5 digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000
- Round decimals to the nearest whole number
- Read, write, order and sequence 6 digit numbers
- Explain the link between a digit and its place to 6 digits
- Partition numbers to 6 digits and 2 decimal places
- Add and subtract 10, 100 and 1000 to and from whole numbers

## **Cuboids**

- Round 3 and 4 digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- Read, write, order and sequence 5 digit numbers
- Explain the link between a digit and its place to 5 digits
- Partition numbers to 5 digits and 1 decimal place
- Add and subtract 10, 100 and 1000 to and from whole numbers





# **Health And Wellbeing**

## This term we will be:

Exploring our Mental, Emotional, Social and Physical Wellbeing. We will be identifying our strengths and discussing strategies to help manage and deal with friendships and conflict. We will also be focusing on acknowledging and celebrating our achievements.

We will be participating in a number of lessons on kindness and the way we treat others.

# PE:

We will be developing our skills in ball games such as football, basketball and rugby. We will be developing our passing, dribbling and shooting skills and learning to how be an effective team player.

# **Learning Across the Curriculum**

**Social Studies** – We will be learning about The Swinging Sixties and exploring the music, fashion, technology and art.

**Science** – We will be exploring gravity and magnetism and learning about our solar system.

**RME** – We will be learning about the Ten Commandments and notable Christians.

**Music** – We will be listening to some of the music from the 1960s and learning to sing some of the songs.

**ICT** – We will be using the Internet to carry out research and learning about the reliability of information that we find. We will also be developing our skills in Word, Publisher and Powerpoint.

### **Important Information**

# **Physical Education**

P.E. days are **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Please remind your child to bring their PE kit- they should wear shorts underneath their uniform if possible. We will also have a brief fitness session on Thursday- trainers should be worn but P.E. kit is not required.

## **Ready Steady Learn**

Ready Steady Learns will be sent home on Friday and should be signed and returned on Monday.

Please continue to contact me via the school office, email or Ready Steady Learn book if you have any concerns or worries.

Thank you for your continued support.







