**Literacy**Writing: This term we will be focussing on imaginative/creative writing to expand our detail of description. We will also cover instructional writing linked to our IDL context.

Reading: A class novel will be the focus of many of our literacy tasks and discussions this term. The main focus will be scanning the text, selecting the main ideas and strategies to read ahead to enhance fluency. Literacy Homework will vary this term and may include research related to our learning context, comprehension passages and non-fiction work. As group reading books will not be issued this term we would encourage learners to continue to read for enjoyment at home.

French: Revision of previous concepts, vocabulary linked to our IDL context, for example Emergency Situations and Parts of the Body.

Spelling  
Learners will continue to be taught spelling rules and use Nessy both in class and at home. Please let us know if you are having any problems with logging on to the Nessy website.

**Numeracy**

Daily number work, CLIC and topical maths.

Elements of the numeracy and mathematics curriculum will be taught through our IDL context such as negative numbers, some aspects of measure, compass points and problem solving with angles.

Our main numeracy focus will be taught through CLIC where strategies such as smile multiplication, applicable place value and rounding will be explored.

**Useful Information**Welcome to your child’s Primary 7 year. We are all very excited about working with this year group, the learning opportunities and getting to know you all over the year!

**Expectations**Primary 7 is a very busy year for your children, where there are lots of opportunities both curricular and extra-curricular, please be reassured that our curriculum is comprehensive and is covered in conjunction with an excellent transition programme to prepare your children for High School.

We expect learners to come to school prepared to learn, one of these expectations is to have a full PE kit available in school.

Learners will have the opportunity to visit our school library to select books for class reading time. We would also be happy for children to bring in books from home – please ensure pupils have their names on any books brought into class.

**Upcoming Events**Wednesday 5th September – Meet the Staff 6.30-8pm  
Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd October – DHS Transition– DHS Transition  
Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th October– Dalguise  
W/b Monday 22nd October – Snapshot Week  
Tuesday 30th October – Snapshots Home  
Wednesday 7th October – Parent’s Evening   
Thursday 8th October – Parent’s Evening

**Contact**Please remember if you have any questions or queries to pop them in the homework diary or contact the school on 01786 822351.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Hazel Aitken, Faye Hislop and Josie May

**Science**

Our focus this term will be on biological systems, focussing on temperature, climate, biodiversity, plant life and practical experiments involving water.

**Health and Wellbeing**This term our focus will be on team building and settling in to Primary 7 routines. We will also be focussing on personal and social wellbeing alongside social tolerance to others and learning how to solve conflict with peers.  
We will be developing our understanding of ‘Growth Mindsets’ by focussing on where we are achieving and what our next steps in learning are. We will continue to celebrate our successes, as with previous years, through Ambassador Awards and Assemblies.

PE  
This term we have the PE specialist fortnightly. Our focus for this term will be fitness, in line with our IDL context – Ultimate Survivor and tracking fitness linked with Numeracy. We will also be focussing on developing skills such as spatial awareness, aim and estimation.   
PE days  
P7A – Monday, Tuesday and Friday  
P7H and P7M – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Social Studies and Technologies

Our context is Ultimate Survivor, in which our main focus is team work and team building pertaining to survival skills. We will go on to look at human survival and development over several thousand years and practical eventualities such as; knot tying, shelter building, basic navigation and water filtration. We will explore plant survival and the classification of local flora in conjunction with the John Muir Award.

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