

# Primary 7 Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2015

Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 7. This term the children are looking forward to learning about the history of film, iconic movies and actors as well as having the opportunity to write and create their own piece of media. The children will get the opportunity to take our 'new' class member Dizzy home to learn more Scottish Culture and traditions as well as any photo opportunities with famous people to further his film career. The children's learning experiences will include investigating the human body in science. Children will be challenged each morning with quick start activities including Maths, Literacy and thinking problems to stimulate their learning in the morning.

Miss Anderson, P7 Teacher.

## English & Literacy

This term, we will continue developing our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), handwriting and spelling. The children are continuing to use up-levelling techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment. Through the IDL context of 'The Very Important Dinosaur' our writing will focus on a variety of genres, including, persuasive writing, scripts, diary entries, letters, invitations and reviews. The children have already written fantastic persuasive letters to convince me that they should open our secret delivery box containing our dinosaur Dizzy. Our reading in term 2, will focus on reading in preparation for writing and Reading Routes comprehension activities and Higher Order Thinking Skills. Homework activities will be linked to a variety of reading skills and will be due every Thursday.

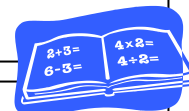


## Maths & Numeracy

This term, our grouped maths work will focus on division, time and working out how long a journey or activity might take, patterns and relationships, explaining and naming square and prime numbers, and simple equations which will involve children using their number facts to solve problems where an unknown value is represented by a symbol or letter.

In whole class maths we will be learning about compass points, degrees and bearings to plan a direction route or journey.

All children in P7 have a login for Sumdog. Could you please encourage your child to regularly use this website to further enhance their mental maths knowledge. Regular practise of tables will help your child gain confidence in most aspects of maths. Please ensure that your child is completing their spelling and reading homework to a high standard as this will prepare them for transitioning to High School.



## Interdisciplinary Learning: The Very Important Dinosaur

This term our context for learning is 'The Very Important Dinosaur' (Dizzy). We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of technologies, literacy and expressive arts. The key questions we will look at are:

- How have movies developed from silent film to present day? (celluloid to animation)
- What are some of the features of iconic and influential movies and how can we include them in our own movie?
- How can we portray our main character in our script to ensure he has the recognisable traits of an iconic or influential actor?
- How can we plan and organise an event to showcase a variety of different film genres?
- How are movies planned/made and distributed?

## P.E. Days

Futsal will be on a Monday and P.E. with Miss Anderson on a Thursday.

Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. day.

## Transition

This term Primary 7 have input from Maths, Art and Technologies teachers from West Calder High School. This is an important aspect of curriculum in P7, no matter which high school your child transitions to.

## Homework

Spelling homework will be given every Monday and should be handed in on Friday. Reading homework will be given on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Thursday and group maths will be given out a Wednesday and should be handed in the following Wednesday. **Come along to our pop in session on 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2.40pm and the children will teach you more about Sumdog, Purple Mash and other useful online resources.**