

Primary 7/6 Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2015

Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 7/6. This term the children are looking forward to learning about the history of film, iconic movies and actors as well as experiencing the process of writing, creating and producing their own piece of media. Pupils will have the opportunity to take our new class member 'Fluffy' home to learn more about Scottish culture and traditions as well as any photo opportunities with famous people to further her career! This term, the children's learning experiences will include The Human Body in Science with Mr Ramsay and Basketball skills in P.E in preparation for a Sports Festival for Primary 6. Children will be challenged each morning with quick start activities including maths, literacy and thinking problems to stimulate their learning.

Miss Gordon and Mrs Murray P7/6.

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-levering techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment.

Through the IDL context of Very Important Rabbit, our writing will focus on a variety of genres including script writing, diary entries, persuasive letters, invitations and reviews. The children have already written creative persuasive letters to convince us in to opening the secret delivery box that arrived at school this week containing our rabbit.

Our reading in term 2 will focus on Reading Routes and Reading for preparation for writing activities. Homework activities will be linked to a variety of reading skills.



Maths & Numeracy

There is a focus this term in P7/6 on mental agility, in particular, simple number bonds within 20 (8+4, 17-8) and times tables. Having quick and accurate recall of these can have a positive impact on all other areas of the maths curriculum. Please spend time with your child practicing these number skills. In whole class maths, pupils will be investigating compass points, degrees and bearing to plan a direction, route or journey.

Our grouped maths work will focus on

P6 – Addition and Subtraction strategies, including the formal method, rounding and adjusting, using empty numberlines and counting on and back. Multiplying up to a 4 digit number by a single digit and dividing a whole number by a single digit or a multiple of 10. We will then apply these skills to a variety of problem solving situations.

P7 – 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.

All children in P6 and P7 have a login for Sumdog. Could you please encourage your child to regularly use this website to further enhance their mental maths knowledge. **Come along to our pop in session on 24th**

November at 2.40pm and the children will teach you more about Sumdog, Purple Mash and other useful online resources.



Interdisciplinary Learning: Very Important Rabbit

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

1. How have movies developed from silent film to present day? (celluloid to animation)
2. What are some of the features of influential and iconic films and how can we include them in our own movies?
3. How can we portray our main character within our scripts to ensure he has these recognisable traits of an iconic/ influential actor?
4. How can we plan and organise an event to showcase a variety of different film genres?
5. How are movies planned/made and distributed and how can we make a successful movie?

P.E. Information

Futsal will be on Mondays this term and children will have P.E in the gym hall with Mrs Murray on Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days.

P7 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 Monday for the next Monday and group maths homework will be given on a Wednesday and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Other subjects will be covered as and when appropriate. Please ensure your child is completing homework every week to a high standard as this will help prepare them for high school.