

Primary 6 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2016

Welcome to our first term in Primary 6. All of the children are settling well into P6 and we are looking forward to a busy and fun term. There is lots to look forward to including our new IDL context: World War 2. The children are excited and motivated to learn and are already sharing facts about the topic and stories from their family histories. Also, all pupils are soon to join a Junior Leadership Team and look forward to making positive changes within our school this year.

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P6 Teacher

English & Literacy

This term, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), handwriting and spelling. The children will be 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 World War 2, our writing will focus on a variety of genres including biographies, persuasive writing and poetry.

Our reading in term 2 will continue to focus on Higher Order Thinking Skills, identifying the key features of different genres and making connections to other areas of the curriculum. We will be particularly focusing on developing skills for reading non-fiction texts, linking in to our focus on World War 2.

Maths & Numeracy

This term, we will be focusing on number processes, place value, rounding and estimation, and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). At the end of term, we will take part in West Lothian Money Week by looking at money and rationing as part of our World War 2 IDL context.

In mental agility, the children will be continuing to develop their mathematical strategies through Number Talks. This approach encourages the children to find the most efficient way to reach an answer to a given problem.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular number facts revision such as times tables and associated division facts and links to maths in real life contexts. Sumdog is also a fantastic resource to develop children's mental agility and quick recall of maths facts.

Interdisciplinary Learning: World War 2

This term our context for learning is World War 2. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of Social Studies, Literacy and Expressive Arts. The key questions we will look at are:

1. How and why did World War 2 begin?
2. Who are Hitler/Stalin/ Roosevelt/Churchill and why are they important historical figures?
3. How did Britain respond to being under attack?
4. Why did World War 2 change women's lives?
5. What is rationing and why was it enforced?

Additional Information

P.E. will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days. This includes clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers).

Dates to Remember

23rd September – Dress Down Day

5th & 6th October – Parents' Consultations

14th October – Harvest Assembly

Homework

Spelling, Maths and Reading homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. Periodically, IDL tasks will be given which will give the children opportunities to use research skills.