

# Primary 7/6 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2016

Welcome to Term 1 in Primary 7/6. All the children are settling well in to P7/6 and over the last fortnight we have been doing a lot of community building exercises to ensure that the children get to know each other. This term the children are looking forward to learning about the World War 2. The children will soon be asked to join a Junior Leadership Team and we look forward to making positive changes within our school this year. Children will be challenged each morning with quick start activities including Maths, Literacy and thinking problems to stimulate their learning in the morning.

Dates to remember:

Dress Down Day 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Parents Night 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Harvest Assembly 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Miss Anderson P7/6

## English & Literacy

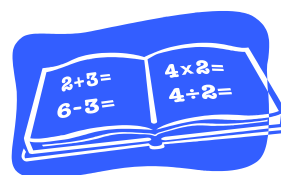
This term, we will continue developing our knowledge of vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP), handwriting and spelling. The children are continuing to use up-leveiling techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment. Children have already written and reflected upon their own personal literacy needs for this term and have created their individual targets.

Through our IDL context of World War 2 our writing will focus on a variety of genres, including, persuasive writing, poetry and biographies. Our reading in term 1, will focus on using fictional texts, pupils will demonstrate their reading skills through guided reading sessions; discussing their texts, using inference and deductions, increasing familiarity of complex words within texts and associated tasks reading in preparation for writing.



## Maths & Numeracy

This term we will be focussing on number and numeracy based learning. This will include using place value, rounding, addition, subtraction and multiplication. We will continue to support children using a variety of learning strategies and resources. 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. At the end of term we will take part in West Lothian money week incorporating this in to our World War 2 topic, by looking at money and rationing.



## 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:

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

## Additional Information

PE will be on a Thursday, with outdoor PE being on a Tuesday .

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

All children in P7/6 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. Children will also receive their Glow Logins and we will be looking to access Yammer and Sway.

## Homework

Spelling homework will be given every Monday and should be handed in on Friday. Maths will be given out a Wednesday and should be handed in the following Wednesday.