

Primary 7 Learning Letter: Term 1



September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 1 in Primary 7. This term has begun with a very good effort from all pupils, when taking on their responsibilities now being the eldest pupils in school. This term will have a major focus on positive behaviour, demonstrating our school values and showing a Growth Mind-set towards school life, encouraging perseverance and collaboration. All pupils have settled back into their Responsible Roles around the school, providing support and encouragement to our new P1 Buddies.

Mrs Ross

Dates for up and coming events:

Dress down day 23rd September

Parental consultations Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th October

Harvest Assembly 14th October

English & Literacy

This term, P7 will focus on Reading & Writing skills. Pupils have written and reflected upon their own personal Literacy needs for this term and have created their individual targets in Reading, Writing, Listening & Talking. Using fictional texts, pupils will demonstrate their reading skills through Guided Reading sessions; discussing their texts, using inferences and deduction, increasing familiarity of complex words within texts and completing associated tasks, to ensure reading skills are continuing to develop. Using our linked IDL topic of World War 2, pupils will use a variety of stimuli to read and understand aspects of the war and will use this knowledge to create their own versions in writing lessons. Pupils will continue to have access to a wide variety of resources to support reading and writing developments. Pupils will develop skills in Listening and Talking through completion of a variety of IDL challenges, focussed on using Literacy across Learning.



Maths & Numeracy

In Primary 7, our major focus for Term 1 is on Number and Numeracy based learning. Using Place Value, Rounding, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, pupils will continue to work in groups and individually to address their next steps in their mathematical learning. Pupils will rotate around activities designed to ensure application of maths skills into different contexts, whilst using Number Talks and Mental Maths as consistency from the excellent work undertaken last academic year. Pupils will continue to access ICT to ensure that their mathematical motivation is high. All pupils should be encouraged to continue to practice their maths skills using online tools, such as Sumdog.



Interdisciplinary Learning: World War 2

Key Questions: -

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

Primary 7 have P.E on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that pupils have full P.E. kit, which can be kept in school for the week and returned home at the weekends.

P7 will also participate in a variety of Buddying activities throughout the year.

Whole School Context

Pupils will continue to use ICT skills, (Purple Mash, Sumdog etc) to develop skills in Technologies. Pupils will also have access to their GLOW accounts to make use of excellent resources available, i.e. Yammer and Sway.

Please access our school blog for exciting developments and learning:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/mcps/>

Homework

All pupils have their own homework diary to ensure that they are organised to keep track of their homework tasks on a weekly basis. Please ensure that homework is checked and signed before handing into school.