

Primary 7 Learning Letter: Term 3



January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 3 in Primary Seven. We are looking forward to a very busy term, focusing and concentrating on lots of hard work and effort into our Maths, Reading and Writing. We will be using our context for learning in our IDL to engage with current social and political news, studying and investigating Scotland in the year 2017. This will culminate in an exciting trip to Edinburgh to visit the Scottish Parliament, to learn about democracy.

Mrs Ross

Dates for up and coming events:

Alice In Wonderland theatre trip: 25th January

Risk Factory trip: 6th March

Scottish Parliament trip: 21st February

English & Literacy

This term, P7 have begun the year by engaging with Scots language. We have all worked well to learn one of Robert Burns' poems for our Burns assembly. We have investigated the structure, layout and purpose of a glossary, then using this knowledge to learn Scots vocabulary, organising words and learning their definition. We will continue to access Scots language through writing and spelling activities. Moving later into Term 3 we will be focusing on imaginative writing and how to make fictional stories more interesting through description and better vocabulary. In reading we are continuing to develop our reading skills in Guided Reading sessions and we are looking forward to completing tasks focused on our new novels for this term. Through our IDL context for learning, we will be developing our Listening and Talking skills by delivering speeches and participating in formal debates using current news items.



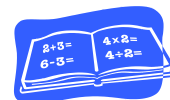
Maths & Numeracy

We have begun focused Numeracy work in our new maths groups at the beginning of this term.

We are using Number Talks and Mental Maths sessions to improve mental agility in multiplication and division.

Throughout this term we will be learning fractions, decimals and percentages, building upon knowledge developed from the previous year. We will also be working towards using algebra in a variety of formats, including BODMAS and function machines.

In class maths lessons we will be learning about angles, position and movement, data handling and information processing using spreadsheets and graphs/bar charts/pie charts etc. This will link into our IDL context using the Scottish Census to gather information about the population, how to analyse the data and then selecting the relevant display method.



Interdisciplinary Learning: The Mid Calder Election

Key Questions: -

1. What are some of the diverse cultures and values living in Scotland today?
2. How do values and beliefs differ within communities, local and wider?
3. Where are examples of sustainable societies around the world and how are they organised?
4. What is a democratic society?
5. What is involved in the election process?

Additional Information

Please encourage your child to bring full PE kit at the beginning of the week, which will be returned from school on a Friday. Our current days for PE are **Thursday** and **Friday**. As part of our ongoing discussions and developments in our Health curriculum, we are constantly raising awareness of the importance of self-hygiene.

Indoor shoes are continuing to be used throughout the school.

Important Dates!

West Calder transition CDT teaching sessions with Dr. Cherry – Week beginning 9th January – week beginning 13th February
Burns Assembly Friday 20th January
Movie Night 2nd February

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.

Reading and spelling tasks are given out on a Monday and Maths tasks on a Tuesday.

Please ensure that homework is checked and signed before handing into school.