

Primary 7/6 Learning Letter: Term 3



January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 3 in Primary 7/6. Last term we held an amazing show, 'Alice in Wonderland'. All of the children were very excited about this and our final show was amazing. Thank you for all of your help towards making this special for the children. We can't wait to go and see 'Alice the Musical' performed at the Playhouse shortly. This term the children are looking forward to learning about democracy and how society works, this will accumulate in class elections and each class will have a class president. P7 have started some transition work with Dr Cherry from W.C.H.S where they have been learning some technical drawing skills and will shortly be visiting the High School to make a spatula.

Dates for up and coming events:

Wednesday 25th January - 'Alice the Musical'

Monday 21st February - Visit to Scottish Parliament

Monday 6th March P7 - The Risk Factory

English & Literacy

This term we are going 'back to basics' and revisiting basic grammar. Grammar lessons will link to writing activities and we will continue to use up-levelling techniques to improve the standard of the children's writing.

Through the IDL context of 'Mid Calder Elections' we will be looking at persuasive writing and how this will help when writing a speech and manifesto for their election campaign. This will also involve making leaflets and posters to promote their campaign. We will also be looking at how to summarise a text.

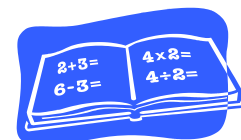
Our reading in term 3, will focus on inference skills, comprehension and word meanings.



Maths & Numeracy

This term, we have gone back to our grouped maths where one of our focuses will be fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be building on the children's prior knowledge. We will continue with number talks and mental maths on a daily basis. The children are becoming much more confident about talking about what strategies they have used.

In whole class maths, pupils will investigate data handling where we will be collecting, organising and presenting data. We have already started this through I.D.L where we gathered information from the Scottish Census and made comparisons to other areas.



Interdisciplinary Learning: Mid Calder Election

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

P.E. will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Can you please ensure that your child has a full P.E kit available on both these days. P.E kits should be taken home on a Friday to be washed and brought back the following week. Can you please ensure that your child has indoor shoes at all times.

Whole School Context

This month we will be focusing on the value Inclusive.

We will have a Burns celebration assembly.

March 15th Open afternoon for our STEM subjects

Homework

Spelling homework will be given every Monday and should be handed in on Friday. Reading homework will be given on a Thursday for the following Thursday 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.