

Primary 7/6 Learning Letter: Term 4



April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 4 in Primary 7/6. In this last term the children are looking forward to planning and developing their knowledge and understanding of outdoors within their topic 'How Does Your Garden Grow'. Exciting and challenging lessons and activities will be completed by the pupils, using the context of our own playground and surrounding areas. If any parents or carers would like to donate their time or materials to help with our topic we would very much appreciate it. We are excited about P7 leavers activities and starting with our new roles in P6 unsupervised in preparation for P7.

Dates for up and coming events:

P7 & P6 Topic trip date to confirmed

11th May: Parents Sex Education Evening at 5pm.

26th June: P7 Leavers Assembly

18th May: Reading Curriculum Evening

Transition dates for WCHS, JYHS and Balerno TBC

29th June: P7 Leavers Party

English & Literacy

This term, P7/6 will be continuing to develop their literacy skills in their guided reading session. Pupils will also be encouraged to use SumDog reading as a means of extending and consolidating their skills within an ICT based environment. Pupils have been provided with usernames and passwords. In writing pupils will focus this session on imaginative based stories and texts. Through our IDL context 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' Writing lessons will focus on a variety of genres including leaflets and persuasive writing techniques. We will also 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 to improve the standard of their writing.



Maths & Numeracy

In Primary 7/6 the focus will continue to develop number and number processes work within numeracy. We will be using many strategies to divide whilst also learning to recall all multiplication and division facts.

Maths groups will continue to develop their learning in maths through a variety of learning experiences.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular number facts revision such as times tables and associated division facts and making links to real life context.



This term our context for learning is 'How does your garden grow?'. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of Science, Social Studies, Technologies. The key questions we will look at are:

1. How does our playground compare with other outdoor environments?
2. How does our outdoor space affect the way we live, work and relax?
3. What wildlife is attracted to our playground and why?
4. Why do some plants grow in some areas and not others?
5. What materials are most suitable for outdoor use?

Additional Information

Primary 7/6 P.E. sessions will be on a Wednesday and on a Thursday we will be outdoors so please bring appropriate clothing. Can we please ensure that all children have the correct indoor footwear.

Whole School Context

This month we will be focusing on the value. P6 and 7 will be holding a Sex Education parents meeting to discuss how this topic will be developed within our health curriculum. Every class will have a visit session from the SSPCA.

Homework

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