

Primary 6 Learning Letter: Term 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2017

Welcome to our first term in Primary 6. All of the children are settling well into P6 and we are looking forward to a busy and fun term. There is lots to look forward to, including our new IDL context: The Jacobites. Also, all pupils have just joined a Junior Leadership Team and look forward to making positive changes within our school this year. Please keep track of all that we are learning this year via the school blog.

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P6 Teacher

English & Literacy

This term, we will 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 techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment.

Through the IDL context of The Jacobites, our writing will focus on a variety of genres including diary entry, letter and instructions.

Our reading in term 1 will continue to focus on Higher Order Thinking Skills, selecting appropriate information and research skills. We will be particularly focusing on developing skills for reading non-fiction texts, linking in to our focus on The Jacobites.

Maths & Numeracy

This term, we will be focusing on place value, including decimals, and rounding and estimation. As part of our IDL context, we will look at coordinates, scale and angles.

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.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular number facts revision such as times tables and associated division facts and links to maths in real life contexts. Sumdog is also a fantastic resource to develop children's mental agility and quick recall of maths facts.

Interdisciplinary Learning: The Jacobites

This term our context for learning is The Jacobites. We will be exploring this through the curricular areas of Social Studies, Literacy and Maths. The key questions we will look at are:

1. When in Scotland's history were the Jacobites most significant?
2. Who were the Jacobites and what were their beliefs? What are the clans of Scotland and how do they relate to the Jacobites?
3. What were the most influential uprisings during the Jacobite cause and what were the consequences?
4. How did Scotland's landscape influence the movement of Jacobite soldiers?
5. What impact did the Jacobites have on future Scottish history?

Additional Information

P.E. will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days. This includes clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers).

Dates to Remember

- 7th September – Loch Insh Parents' Meeting
- 12th September – P6 class Jupiter Artland trip
- 2nd October – 6th October – Loch Insh Residential

Homework

Spelling, Maths and Reading homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. Periodically, IDL tasks will be given which will give the children opportunities to use research skills.