

# Primary 7 Learning Letter: Term 3



January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 3 in Primary 7. We have really enjoyed the last couple of weeks working with your children in P7 and have started to get into our new routines for learning. We are looking forward to a busy term, focusing and concentrating on becoming independent learners in preparation for High School. We will be using our context for learning in our IDL to engage with current social and political news and studying Scotland in the year 2019. We will be learning more about politics and we are looking forward to learning the skills required to speak confidently in public, while debating. We are also hoping to answer some of our questions about Brexit! Within Health and Wellbeing, we will continue our focus on resilience and dealing with challenging situations. We will also learn about substance misuse and ways to keep our body and minds safe and healthy.

Mrs Murray and Mrs Redmond

## 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 and we look forward to hearing a few perform at our Burns Assembly. We have enjoyed learning more about the Scots dialect and looking at the structure of a glossary to help us learn the meanings of the words. Within writing we will be focusing on functional pieces which will link to our IDL topic, using current political and social issues.

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. We will also be learning about developing an informed view looking specifically at when sources are reliable and when we are being influenced, backing this up with evidence. Through our IDL, we will use our Listening and Talking skills to deliver speeches and participate in formal debates using current news items.



## Maths & Numeracy

During maths lessons we are using Number Talks and Mental Maths sessions to improve mental agility in multiplication and division.

Throughout this term Dr McKinley will be continuing to support the children in Maths on a Monday. This helps with transition in learning from primary into High School. We will be learning fractions, decimals and percentages, building upon knowledge developed from the previous year. The focus will be on investigating proper and improper fractions, simplifying fractions, converting fractions to decimals and percentages and finding percentages of an amount. We will also be covering work on money, symmetry, area and angle.

In our IDL context we will be looking at information handling using the Scottish Census to gather information about the population. The children will analyse the data and then select 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?
6. What is Brexit, and what is its impact?

## Additional Information

Please encourage your child to bring full PE kits into school. Our current days for PE are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Our Tuesday session is outdoor P.E, so please consider providing the children with outdoor PE kit (joggers etc) to allow us to maintain our healthy attitudes during all weathers! As part of our ongoing discussions and developments in our Health curriculum, we are constantly raising awareness of the importance of self-hygiene, so children will be encouraged to bring their P.E kits home more regularly.

## Important Dates!

Burns Assembly - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January

February Holiday – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb/  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Dr Cherry - Transition CDT lessons:  
Block 1: 7<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Block 2: 25<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Trip to the Scottish Parliament – Monday  
25<sup>th</sup> March

## Homework

Homework will be **issued on a Tuesday** and should be **returned on a Monday**. Spelling and Maths homework tasks will be issued on alternate weeks. There will be a 4 week block of topic based Scottish homework. Children are asked to complete at least one of these activities. Maths sum dog challenges will always be available to the children, but are not compulsory. Please see your child's homework jotter for a full explanation.