

Primary 7 Newsletter

August - October 2019

We hope you had an enjoyable Summer holiday and the children are now ready to work hard in our first term of Primary 7. We hope that this newsletter will give you a flavour of the learning taking place this term.



Numeracy & Maths

This term we will be focussing on information handling. We will be exploring a variety of different ways to present information and our findings using both paper and ICT methods. We will collect data on current global events from line graphs, spreadsheets, bar charts and pie charts. Our learning will link in with our election campaign as we will present our results in different types of graphs. In numeracy we will continue to revise our times tables and we encourage extra practise at home to consolidate our learning.

We will also focus on mental number manipulation, finding multiples and factors of numbers; as well as recognising number sequencing. In problem solving we will be exploring different practical and written problems.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we will begin our Primary 7 experience by taking part in a House Captain Election campaign. We will be learning all about democracy and how the voting system works before holding a vote ourselves.

We will also be investigating current global, social, political and economic issues which can have an impact on ourselves and those around us. We will work as a class to plan the context for this learning and begin to ask questions which will lead our learning. We will also be taking part in class debates on current issues.

Literacy & English



Spelling words will continue to be posted on the blog every fortnight on a Monday. These can be practised at home in a variety of ways e.g. coded, sign language, spelling tennis and hangman. If you need another sheet of spelling practise ideas please let us know.

Reading will continue to happen daily through our class novel and our reading groups will still be taken during Literacy lessons. Novels will continue to stay in class and they will be reading these every Monday. At home, we ask for children to choose a new text to read for enjoyment and the children will be asked to create a book review on this text for the end of this term.

In writing we will be gathering information about our election topic and we will write our own manifestos which could be used in an election campaign. We will also be writing narrative scripts for our class assembly and P5-7 show. Alongside this we will enjoy exploring some fictional genre writing using ambitious vocabulary. We will also continue to use cursive handwriting, during weekly handwriting lessons.

Health & Wellbeing

Our PE days are going to be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Children should be dressed appropriately for outdoor PE on a Thursday and indoor P.E. on a Tuesday.

PE with Mrs Howard on a Tuesday will focus on our running skills and building up our stamina and endurance. We will be measuring our progress as the week's progress. In PE with the class teachers we will develop racquet skills focussing on tennis and badminton.

Health will be taught using JIGSAW where the children will be learning about 'Me in my World,' which focusses on individual responsibilities and recognising how a person's actions have an impact.

Additional Information

Both P7 classes will have Mrs Howard for PE and Mr Muller who will develop the children's literacy and language skills. Mrs Smillie will be teaching in P7hs on a Monday.

The children are responsible Primary 7's now and we are allowing them to use their own mobile devices such as phones or tablets within school to research on, at appropriate times when directed by the teacher. We are also allowing them to use kindles/phone apps for personal reading. This is not a necessity as we have books and ICT equipment in school but it is a privilege should they wish. The children however must take responsibility for these items and all pupils have agreed to this and know the importance of being responsible. We also have our class assembly on Friday 6th of September and our school show on Thursday 10th of October.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school blog, school office or email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,

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