

Primary 7 Newsletter

October – December 2019

We hope you had an enjoyable October holiday and the children are now ready to work hard in our second 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 probability and financial education. We will use our knowledge of the four operations to solve money calculations and apply this in our day to day schooling project called 'Money Month'. We will be exploring a range of financial vocabulary such as budget, value for money, buy one get one free, mortgage and overdraft; linking in with negative numbers. In probability we will explore the likelihood of an event happening and use the probability scale and vocabulary to discuss our thinking. We will also represent our thinking using percentages, ratios, fractions and decimals to show the likelihood of something happening. We will continue to revise our times tables and we encourage extra practise at home to consolidate our learning.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we will continue our Primary 7 topic about democracy and voting; however we will be focussing more on current global, social, political and economic issues which can have an impact on ourselves and those around us. We will be taking part in class debates based on current issues and will research current issues across the world which we are interested in. We will also begin our preparation work for our 'Mock Court' topic which will begin in Term 3. This is a cross-curricular project which uses a court case to encompass a range of class room subjects - from art to journalism.



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. British Sign Language, typed, and acrostic poems. Reading will continue to happen daily through our class novel Hunger Games 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. The book reviews in term 1 were very impressive! We will use our Hunger Games novel as a stimulus for a lot of our literacy work showcasing our comprehension, summarising and analysing skills. Through the visualisation strategy we will link in drama and outdoor learning projects. In writing we will be creating spooky atmosphere stories and continuing to write narratives using a dystopian theme. The children will be applying their knowledge of sentence structure and layout. As winter approaches we will also begin to write poetry.

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 invasion games. We will be able to put into practise our skills learned from term 1 such as our stamina and endurance. In PE with the class teachers we will continue to develop our hand/eye and foot/eye coordination through racquet sports and Futsal. Health will continue to be taught using JIGSAW where the children will be learning about 'Celebrating Differences' which focusses on individual skills, traits, achievements and beliefs.

Additional Information

Both P7 classes will have Mrs Howard for PE and P7p will have Mr Muller who will develop the children's literacy and language skills. Mrs Smillie will be teaching in P7hs on a Monday. We will continue to use our anytime, anywhere learning and allow children 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 Christmas Fayre coming up on Friday 29th of November.

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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