

Primary 7 Newsletter

January – April 2020

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and the children are now ready to work hard in our third 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 shape, space and measure. We will be taking part in practical problems using our knowledge of perimeter, area and volume. We will be exploring a range of shape vocabulary to describe a shape and their properties. In Numeracy, we will continue with our work on fractions, looking at equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and finding fractions of an amount. We will also link our fraction knowledge with percentages, and decimals. We will continue to revise our times tables and four operations; we encourage extra practise at home to consolidate our learning using SUMDOG and Active Maths login. In Problem Solving, we will take part in a variety of written, ICT and practical problems choosing and using the most effective strategies.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we will continue with science weeks where we will be learning about inherited characteristics and genes. We will also research body systems and functions. Our main focus for this term will be our 'Mock Court' topic. This is a cross-curricular project which uses a court case to encompass a range of classroom subjects. We will be preparing for our final day in court where we will visit the Sheriff Court and debate against Williamston Primary to win the court case. We will need to study evidence, research information, create props and costumes as well as other exciting activities.

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. coding, drawing a picture, typing, audio recording etc. 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. Perhaps try a non-fiction text? Through the visualisation strategy we will link in Drama, Art and Outdoor Learning projects. In Writing we will be using a lot of 'Scots' dialect and vocabulary to write our own Scottish poems. This will then link in with our Scottish Poem recital. We will also be analysing and studying two Scottish poems and providing a personal written response. As part of our Mock Court project we will be writing evidence journals, newspaper reports, diary entries and job applications.

Health & Wellbeing

Our PE days are going to be on a Wednesday and Thursday. P7sw children should be dressed appropriately for outdoor PE on a Thursday. All other P.E. lessons will require appropriate indoor P.E. kit. In PE we will continue to develop our hand/eye and foot/eye coordination through racquet sports and futsal. In addition to this P7 will be taking part in a leadership sports education model where they will create their own team games, think about sporting roles and how to carry them out successfully and the skills needed in the world of sports. Health will continue to be taught using JIGSAW where the children will be learning about 'Dreams & Goals' and 'Relationships'.

Additional Information

Ms Norquoy will be teaching P7sw for handwriting and Mrs Welsh will be teaching P7hs for problem solving and reading activities. 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 School camp to look forward to on Monday 9th of March. P7 will also be taking part in a P5-7 Skills Academy workshop this term learning valuable life skills which they can use at home.

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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