

Class Learning Newsletter - Primary 7

Welcome back after the holidays. The first term has just flown by!

This term, we are extremely lucky to have both Mr Fullarton and M. Journe teaching P.E. and French on a Tuesday. We also have Mrs Charlton on a Thursday afternoon. We are also very lucky to have Miss Hosie who will be with Primary 7A for most of the term.

Due to our P.E. slot being on a Tuesday morning, could you please ensure that your child arrives to school in their P.E. kit with their school uniform in their bag. P.E. will be inside and children are expected to have indoor shoes that are kept in school at all times. Children should also bring in P.E. kits on a Friday for P.E. with Mrs Macleod/Miss Philip.

Spelling and maths homework will be given out on a Monday and returned on a Friday. Reading homework is given out either on Monday or Wednesday and children should record when this should be completed by. If this is not completed at home, children will be expected to complete this during the school day in their own time. In addition to this, a home learning task will be completed this term. Details below.

The Seesaw app is up and running for both classes and this is where you will receive class announcements and see examples of class work.

If there are any queries or concerns about anything, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. Looking forward to working with you all in another busy term!

Mrs Macleod and Miss Philip

Literacy

This term, reading will continue to be completed within groups using fiction texts. Some groups will be exploring the features of non-fiction texts and will be identifying the differences between fact and opinion. Children will continue to be asking and answering inferential questions and using evidence from the text to support their thoughts and opinions. They will be becoming familiar with using reflective reading task mats and will be using these to aid reading discussions. All groups will be continuing to develop their fluency and identifying unfamiliar vocabulary using the context of the novel. Through the context of our class topic, children will be engaging with a variety of articles and practising reading for information.

In Writing, we will be focusing on information writing through posters, leaflets, reports and newspaper articles. Through creative writing, children will be learning about writing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd person and writing from the perspective of others. Children will be looking at homophones, when to use a, an or the, speech marks, rhetorical questioning and parts of speech.

In Listening and Talking, children will be listening to texts to evaluate and analyse. They will also be focusing on listening to texts, while taking notes, then using notes/what they have listened to create a piece of work of their own.

Numeracy

Primary seven will be deepening their understanding of fractions, this will include; comparing and ordering, simplifying, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions in various contexts. We will also be learning about decimals which will include; reading and writing decimal numbers, converting fractions to decimals and multiplying and dividing by decimal numbers. Finally, we hope to start learning about percentages, we will be finding the percentage of various quantities and calculate percentage increases. Children will continually be given the opportunity to use their skills and knowledge within a problem-solving context and word problems.

Throughout the course of the term we will strongly focusing on mental calculations and the various strategies behind these. Children will be taking part in daily mental maths practise.

Health and Wellbeing

In P.E. with Mr Fullarton, the class will be learning about different types of fitness and ways to improve overall levels of fitness. In preparation for Christmas parties, Mr Fullarton will also teach the children some traditional social dances. In P.E. on a Friday, the children will be playing basketball and will be focusing on dribbling, passing and teamwork in order to play an effective game of basketball.

In Health and Wellbeing, the children will continue to be learning about self-esteem. We will continue to be looking at different aspects of internet safety such as: cyber-bullying, stranger-danger, personal information, awareness of social media, safe selfies, online-gaming and online friends. We will be relating this to different forms of bullying and how this can take various forms and how to deal with this in a positive and healthy way.

Learning across the Curriculum

The first part of the term, we will be continuing to learn about Extreme Earth, focusing on hurricanes, tornados, acid rain, and volcanoes.

We will continue to explore why natural disasters happen and will be looking specifically at the water-cycle.

The second part of the term, Primary 7 will be learning about the history of Christmas in Britain and how different places in the world celebrate Christmas

In French, children are learning to introduce others and give additional information about their personalities, likes and dislikes. They will also be practising their French dictionary skills.

Sharing Learning at Home

Set Learning Activity

Date to be handed to school	Learning Task
Wednesday 11 th December	We are going to be learning about the history of Christmas in Britain and how different places in the world celebrate Christmas. Your home-learning task is to choose a country, research their Christmas traditions and present your findings on the following features: traditions, decorations, what they do on Christmas day, when they celebrate Christmas (e.g. Denmark start their celebrations on Christmas eve) and how/if children get their presents. You can choose to present this in any way you wish - presentation to the class, PowerPoint, poster, leaflet, booklet etc.

Supporting Numeracy Learning at Home

We have provided some links for concepts in maths we will be working on:

Place Value: <http://flash.topmarks.co.uk/3438>

Simplifying fractions, improper fractions and ordering fractions:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>

Multiplication tables:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<http://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>