

## Class Learning Newsletter - Primary 7

We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year!

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.

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 Miss Stewart.

Spelling and maths homework will be given out on a Monday and returned on a Friday. Reading homework is given out either on **Tuesday** or **Thursday** 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, home learning tasks 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. Children will continue to be asking and answering inferential questions and using evidence from the text to support their thoughts and opinions. They will continue to use 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.

This term, our focus will be on creative writing. We will be looking at various planning formats, use of description, setting, plot, dialogue and character relationships. Through cross-curricular learning, children will be writing a: diary entry, letter, newspaper report and medical report. Children will be learning about parts of speech, linking verbs, conjunctions and when to use a colon and semi-colon.

In Listening and Talking, children will be listening to and performing Scots poetry. Later in the term, children will be given the opportunity to present an individual personal project. Some details are below in the home learning task section.

### Numeracy

Primary Seven have started the term learning how to multiply and divide decimals by whole numbers. They will be learning about different forms of measurement and how to convert between these, including converting units of time. They will be revising the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages with a focus on finding the percentage of a number, calculating percentage increases and using percentages to compare. Later in the term, Primary 7 will be learning about algebra and will be solving algebraic equations. 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 there will be a big focus on mental calculations and the various strategies behind these. Children will be taking part in daily mental maths practise. All children will greatly benefit from practising multiplying and dividing by powers of 10 e.g. 10, 100, 1000.

## Health and Wellbeing

In P.E. with Mr Fullarton, the class will be learning about gymnastics and using what they have learned to perform a sequence of movements. After this topic of work, children will be learning how to play an effective game of tennis. Children will continue to have P.E. on a Friday and will be learning how to play football with Miss Stewart. All aspects of P.E. this term will have a focus on teamwork and perseverance.

In Health and Wellbeing, children will continue to work on different aspects of cyber-bullying and internet safety. Children will be assessed in their learning by creating presentations and performing these to parents during an open evening, while others will present their learning to younger classes through a storybook they have written. They will be learning about peer pressure and the impact of drugs and alcohol on the body.

## Learning across the Curriculum

The focus this term will be on Stuarts and Tudors, Mary Queen of Scots and medicine and disease. They will be researching what life was like in the 1500s and comparing Tudor life to modern day life. They will be learning about the relationships between Mary and Elizabeth and will be performing a mock trial based on their knowledge of Mary's life. In medicines and disease, children will be learning about significant people and discoveries throughout the ages with a specific focus on the plague and the impact on Scotland/Edinburgh.

In RME, we will be learning about the similarities and difference between Catholics and Protestants. This will then inform a comparison between Hinduism.

In French, Primary 7 are lucky enough to be writing letters to peers in France. They will be learning about different French foods, revising their knowledge of number and learning French words for parts of the body.

## Sharing Learning at Home

### Set Learning Activity

Date to be handed to school	Learning Task
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Children will be reciting and performing their chosen Scots poem to their class. A child or group will be selected to perform this at the Scots language assembly on Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Children will be presenting about a topic of their choice to their class. This presentation needs to last roughly 3 minutes and needs to be well-researched and practised. Criteria and more details will be given to children nearer the time.

## Supporting Numeracy Learning at Home

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

Algebra: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/11-14-years/algebra>

A table for converting measurements: <https://www.math-salamanders.com/measure-conversion-chart.html>

Multiplication tables:

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

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