

Literacy  
Story Spinner

During our whole school 'Story Spinner' focus, the power of story will be used to engage, amaze and delight. Literacy work at the beginning of term will link to a traditional story, told (not read!) by an internationally renowned storyteller. Primary 7 will focus on the West African story 'Anancie and the Drum of Common Sense'.

Reading

This term, the children will finish their current group novels and will then complete a non-fiction reading block on 'Micro-organisms'. They will also have the opportunity to apply their reading strategies to a variety of media, including poetry and animation. The children will be encouraged to apply their knowledge and skills to new texts with increased independence, drawing upon all of their learning to date.

Writing

We will begin the term by revisiting narrative writing within the context of our Story Spinner. We will also explore the features of recount writing where the children will have opportunities to reflect upon and retell their memories from Edenside.

Spelling

This term we will continue to build upon the children's knowledge and understanding of vocabulary and on strategies which can be used to support the spellings of tricky words. The children will be encouraged to apply their learning independently and to self-check and correct spellings across all written work.

Primary 7 Curriculum Overview

April—June 2018

*'You can't blend in, when you were born to stand out'*

Health and Wellbeing

PE

This term we welcome Mrs Rhodes, our new PE teacher. The children will develop their athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day and Inter-School Athletics. Football and Rugby training will also begin for the Morton Trophy and The Town's Cup.

Positive Relationships

We will use 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio and the themes of bullying, acceptance, friendship & family, responsibilities and differences to reinforce the value of positive relationships. Discussions will focus on maintaining positive mental and emotional wellbeing throughout transition.

Sexual Health and Parenthood

This term, we will revisit the emotional and physical changes that children have during puberty and how these can impact on their feelings and behaviour. We will also learn about how human life begins and the journey from conception to birth.

Numeracy and Maths

Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

Work on fractions, decimals and percentages will continue where the children will investigate the everyday contexts in which simple fractions, percentages or decimal fractions are used. They will demonstrate their understanding of the relationship between fractions, decimal fractions and percentages and apply their knowledge to enable them to solve real life problems.

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division

Throughout the last term, the four operations will be revisited through numeracy and maths work. The children will be supported and encouraged to apply their knowledge and skills to multi-step problems.

Angle

Work on angle will allow the children to investigate angles in the environment and to describe and classify angles using appropriate mathematical vocabulary. They will be required to estimate, measure and draw angles using a protractor with increasing accuracy.

**Please see overleaf for information on how you can help your child at home.**

## How you can help at home

### Please ensure that your child is organised for the week ahead.

As you will be aware, this is a particularly busy term for Primary 7. We will have many important visitors to support our learning and the transition process, including activities and events out of school. Any important information will be noted in your child's homework diary; it is vital that children are well organised and prepared, and like you, we are trying to support and encourage responsibility and independence!

Events to look out for:

Careers Fair

Sports Day

P7 Graduation

Kelso High School 2 Day Visit

Morton Trophy

The Town's Cup

Rugby / Football Training

Inter-School Athletics

Parents' Evenings

### Sexual Health and Parenthood

It is important that children have the opportunity to talk about and ask questions about what they have been learning in school. You may wish to discuss the following topics with your child:

- Body Image
- Puberty—physical and emotional changes
- Body parts
- Personal Hygiene
- Conception, Pregnancy and Birth
- Contraception

The following websites may be useful:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z3xxsbk/resources/1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z9vcjxs/resources/1>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

### Writing—Core Targets

As we begin our final term in Primary 7, the children will continue to be encouraged to check all written work against the core targets noted below.

With increasing independence and confidence, they can:

- spell all commonly used words correctly by applying prior knowledge of spelling rules and strategies
- spell less commonly used and technical words
- accurately use a wide range of punctuation
- use more complex sentence structures
- use paragraphs to separate ideas/events
- use a wide variety of conjunctions/connectives to link ideas and join sentences
- proof read and edit writing
- use linked, legible handwriting to present work attractively using appropriate forms of layout

### Useful Numeracy and Maths Websites:

<http://www.mathematicshed.com/>

<https://nrich.maths.org/>

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/shapes/angles.html>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/countdown/index.htm>