

Literacy

Reading

We are beginning our year with a modelling block, focusing on "The Fastest Boy in the World" by Elizabeth Laird. Through this novel, we will interrogate the text, developing the six reading strategies. As we read, we are being encouraged to work with increasing independence. This is a class novel and therefore there will be no formal reading homework for a few weeks. However, please talk to your child about the novel and continue to encourage them to read a variety of texts at home for their own enjoyment. Our class novel and topic this term is 'Harry Potter' and we will also be reading 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.'

Writing

Our Harry Potter topic will provide the stimulus for Taught Writing sessions this term. We will explore the features of narrative writing, with a particular focus on characterisation and setting. We hope to explore detail and description to interest and engage the reader. As we write, we will be developing an increased stamina for more extended pieces and learning to check over and edit our writing with a view to improvement.

Spelling

This term, we will continue to focus on using our spelling strategies and phonemes to help us to spell increasingly difficult words. When we are writing, we will be learning to look carefully to find and edit our spelling errors.



Primary 6/7 Curriculum Overview

August — October 2018

'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'

Health and Wellbeing

PE/Swimming

In PE, we will be working on developing our ability to work well in a team, adopting a range of roles and extending our knowledge of rules, tactics and fair play in Hockey. Swimming will also continue each Thursday at Kelso Swimming Pool at a cost of £1.10 per session.

Positive Relationships

As we read 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', we will explore the themes of family and friendship. The children will be encouraged to recognise that different kinds of family groups, friendships and relationships exist and the impact that these can have on emotional wellbeing. We will discuss qualities such as tolerance, empathy, loyalty, kindness, resilience, mutual trust and respect.

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

Numeracy and Maths

Place Value

Now that we are familiar with how numbers are constructed, we will be applying our knowledge and understanding to an increasing range of whole numbers. We will look at how the value of a digit changes depending on where it is placed and will practise reading, writing and ordering numbers.

Addition and Subtraction

Strong number bonds provide the foundation for addition and subtraction. This term, we will focus on improved speed and accuracy. In turn, we will use our knowledge of number bonds to support larger calculations (e.g. If $5 + 3 = 8$ then $5000 + 3000 = 8000$). We will continue to use both mental strategies and the standard written methods to solve addition and subtraction problems.

'Number Talks'

In all areas of numeracy, we are being encouraged to think through and verbalise our approaches to solving problems through planned 'Number Talks' sessions.

Time

In maths, we will be extending our knowledge of time and time calculations. We will revise telling 12 and 24 hour time on analogue and digital clocks before using our knowledge to learn about how people organise their lives (e.g. planning an event, using timetables and calendars)

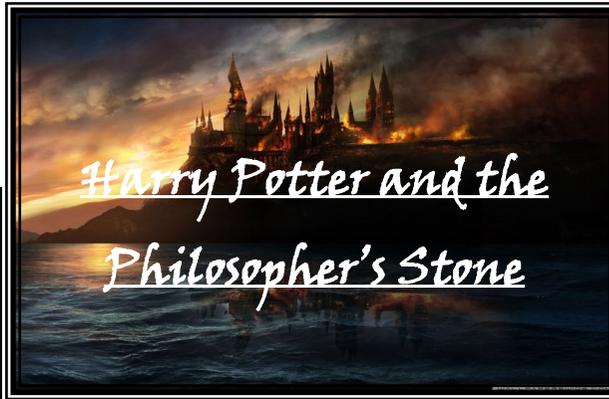
How you can help at home

Writing—Core Targets

Throughout Primary 6 and 7, the children will continue to be encouraged to check **all written work** against the core targets noted below with increasing independence.

I 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 and connectives to link ideas and join sentences
- proof read and edit my writing
- use linked, legible handwriting to present work attractively using appropriate forms of layout



Topic

The 'Harry Potter' topic always generates great enthusiasm and the children are often eager to read ahead. Although we are aware that some children are familiar with the story, we ask that you please do not allow the children to read ahead or watch the film as this may impact on the activities that we have planned to do in class. However, please talk to your child regularly about the magical happenings at Hogwarts and Edenside!

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

Diaries

It is vital that the children refer to their diaries frequently so that they are aware of what is required for the week ahead. This will develop the children's independence, responsibility and ownership of their learning.

PE

PE is on a Wednesday. Please encourage your child to have their PE kit with them every week.

Swimming

Swimming is on a Thursday and will cost £1.10 per session.

Sumdog

www.sumdog.com

Sumdog is a website where children can play games, answering personalised numeracy and maths questions along the way. Your child has a username and password to log in to Sumdog and can do this at home.

