

Literacy

Reading

We are beginning our final year at Edenside with a modelling block, focusing on "The Breadwinner" novel by Deborah Ellis. Through this novel, we will interrogate the text, developing the six reading strategies. As P7s, 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 Breadwinner" 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 use figurative language, 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

We will be developing our knowledge and use of vocabulary in P7 through the exploration of homophones, affixes and use of the apostrophe. In addition, we will continue to focus on using our spelling strategies to help us to spell increasingly difficult words. **Please ask your child about their personal list and spelling challenge!**



Primary 7 Curriculum Overview

August – October 2018

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Health and Wellbeing

PE/Swimming

In PE, Children will be working together in teams, adopting a range of roles and developing skills, tactics, and an understanding of rules and fair play in a possession game situation, e.g. hockey. Swimming will also continue every Monday 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 relationships exist within society and that these have an impact on our emotional wellbeing. We will discuss the qualities of a good relationship with others, such as tolerance, empathy, loyalty, kindness, resilience, mutual trust and respect.

Numeracy - 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.

Numeracy - 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.

Maths - Data Handling & ICT

This term we will be focusing on information handling. The children will carry out surveys using an appropriate form of recording. They will make and interpret, line, trend and compound bar charts. They will use Microsoft Excel to enter data onto a spreadsheet and make an appropriate form of graph to display information. They will use the terms, *range, mode, median and mean*, when analysing a set of data and begin to use the language of probability.

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

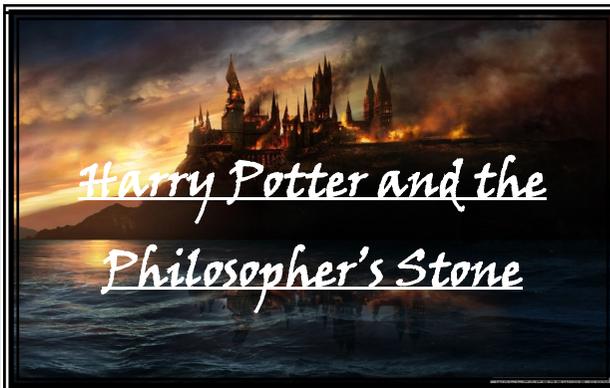
How you can help at home

Writing—Core Targets

Throughout Primary 7, the children will continue to be encouraged to check **all written work** against the core targets noted below. We are hoping that they will take the responsibility to refer to and adhere to these, with increasing independence and confidence.

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!

Useful websites :

<http://edenside.scotborders.sch.uk/>
<https://www.pottermore.com/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

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

As you know, Primary 7 is a very busy year, where the children are involved in various activities both in and out of school. It is vital that the children refer to their diaries frequently, so that they are aware of what is required for the week ahead.

Homework

All homework will be noted in your child's homework diary. Please encourage your child to establish a homework routine, which includes asking you to sign their homework. We are actively encouraging the children to increase their level of independence and to organise their time effectively. However, if your child still needs help, please support them as best you can. The children know that we expect homework to be completed to the best of their abilities. Like you, we want them to be the best they can be. This will develop positive habits for homework in S1 and beyond.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Upcoming events (more details to follow)

P7 Residential— Monday 24th—Friday 29th September

Hockey Festival—Wednesday 3rd October (am)

Please let us know if you are available to help with the Hockey Festival.