

### Literacy Reading

Children have received their group novels which includes homework on a regular basis. They will continue to use the 6 reading strategies to develop their understanding of texts. There may be opportunities for children to use their silent reading time in class to complete some of this homework.

*Please support your child to complete their set reading homework and also encourage your child to read regularly for enjoyment. We believe that a little reading everyday is one of the best things you can do to improve learning across the curriculum.*

### Writing, Spelling and Grammar

This term we will explore the features of Persuasive and Discursive Writing. We will also be writing Information Reports linked to our learning about life in the 1970s. In both genres, we will continue to develop our use of more complex vocabulary as well as more sophisticated punctuation. The children will also be encouraged and supported to apply their learning from spelling and grammar lessons to all written work across the curriculum and to edit and self correct any mistakes.

### Listening & Talking

We have started to develop our note taking skills this year and we will be continuing to develop this. We will also be working to use our notes to create new texts as well as work to communicate effectively with others and to an audience.

### Primary 7S Curriculum Overview

October - December 2020



### Health and Wellbeing

This term, we will be learning about the changes our bodies will go through as we get older. We will look at the specific changes that will happen to boys and girls whilst also exploring what will happen to us all. We will discuss what puberty is and why it happens and how we can prepare for these changes both mentally and physically. Discussions will also involve personal hygiene and how to make sure we look after our changing bodies.

As well as looking at the physical and emotional changes that will happen, we will also explore the body ideals that are portrayed to us by the media and the impact on body talk to our emotional and mental health. We will investigate how focusing on a person's appearance can be detrimental and the importance of not comparing our physical appearance to that of others.

*We thank you in advance for your support during these discussion and encourage conversations around this at home.*

### Numeracy

So far this year we have been using the Complete Maths Platform to guide our learning in numeracy and maths. At the beginning of this term, we all underwent assessments on the platform to identify where we are in our learning and where we need to go next. These assessments identified a variety of development areas to move our learning forward.

### Maths

The areas of maths that we will be working on this term are; shape, data handling, angle and fractions. We will begin by developing our understanding of 3D shape and the properties of various 3D shapes. We will also be developing our ability to analyse data and use a variety of data handling methods such as tallies, tables, pictographs and Venn diagrams. Later in the term, we will continue our learning about angles, perpendicular and parallel lines before moving on to learning about unit and non-unit fractions towards the end of the term.

### Problem Solving

We will continue working on our Problem Solving Skills with Mrs Brown this term, engaging in problems that help us to overcome challenges and develop our problem solving strategies. This term we will continue to work on active problem solving problems that will supplement our core numeracy learning. Children are working to use various strategies such as working systematically and trial and improvement.

## Working in Partnership

### Useful Websites

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button)

[www.bbc.co.uk/history/scottishhistory/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/scottishhistory/)

BBC Dance Mat Typing

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving)

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

### Talk to me!

You know your child best, please let me know about anything that will help me work with your family and child in the best way possible.

Is there something at school that your child finds difficult? Did you have a very busy weekend? Is there a family event coming up that you think will affect your child? Are you, or is your child worried about something?

You can write me a note, call the office or pop in at the end of the school day, and you can also e mail the school office, which will then be sent forward to me.

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### Weekly Homework

- Spelling - please practise the words from your personal spelling list 3 times per week which you will find in the photos on your iPad (see the files section on Teams for suggested spelling activities)
- Times tables - use the Complete Maths website to work on your times tables at least once a week.
- Number - use the Complete Maths website to complete the assigned number activity for the week, if you have one (we will go over this as a class on a Monday morning)
- Reading - complete your reading homework on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays to be ready for the next day.

### Other suggested At Home Activities



<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

Prodigy is an engaging game based maths platform that has been introduced to P6 and P7 which encourages self-paced practice in and out of school. It includes over 1400 skills that adapt as the pupils play. You can also set up a parent account in order to monitor and support your child's learning.

Children are encouraged to use this programme at home for extra maths and number practice.



## ReadingWise

ReadingWise is an online decoding and comprehension programme that is available to some pupils in the class. It is an individually targeted platform that develops reading and comprehension skills in a way that meet the individual needs of learners and works to develop specific skills for reading.

Children are encouraged to use this programme at home for extra reading practice.