

Literacy

Reading: This term the class will begin reading novels in smaller groups to develop their literacy skills. The focus will be on metalinguistics, comprehension, and oracy skills. Each group will take turns working independently and with their teacher, to ensure that appropriate support is given to each group. At the end of term each group will create a summary project for their book.

Writing: This term we will continue to develop our handwriting skills with weekly practice. Writing skills development will see us revisit the basic component parts of a sentence and then develop that to focus on well-structured paragraphs.

Spelling and Grammar: In spelling we are continuing with our High Frequency Words, phonics, and vocabulary building skills this term and building our confidence using our spelling strategies. We are also exploring word roots to deepen the class' understanding of unfamiliar vocabulary.

In grammar this term we are working through various types of vocabulary, openers, connectives and punctuation (VCOP). This will see us learn about clauses and phrases and various elements of style, such as similes or metaphors.

Important Dates:

- **Scottish Book Week 14th– 20th Nov:** This week will celebrate books, reading, and stories.

- **Parents Evening:** A chance to discuss your child's progress and any other aspects of their time in school (10-minute appointments)

- Tue 1st November, 17:00–20:00
- Wed 2nd November, 16:00–19:00

P7W

Curriculum Overview

October - December 2022

Topic

Human Impact

The class will learn about the different ways in which human behaviour impacts on the planet. We will focus on global warming, different sources of energy (renewable and fossil), and on aspects of human geography.

MAD

P7W will continue to explore the ukulele this term, building on the skills learnt in term 1. The children will also have inputs on 'Vibrations & Waves' and 'Craft, Design, Engineering & Graphics'.

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy

This term we are looking at fractions, prime numbers, and decimal numbers to three decimal points. We are also engaging with various strategies for multiplication and division and using standard algorithms for multiplication and division. We will also tackle problem-solving with multiplication and division.

Maths

We will investigate the topics of 'data handling' and 'properties of shape', tying this in with our Human Impact topic where possible to explore statistics and geography.

Health & Wellbeing

PE

Swimming: This term will see the end of the weekly swimming lessons; the last session is Monday 7th November.

As for general PE, Mr Sutton will be engaging P7W in gymnastics, volleyball and Scottish Country Dancing.

Health and Wellbeing

The core in-class focus this term is building resilience and responsibility, which involves investigating the importance of 'staying safe' and exploring how to 'make a difference' within our own lives and the communities in which we live. We will also cover 'Relationships & Sexual Health'.

Kingdoms of Learning

This term P7W will still be looking at our Kingdoms of Learning which are:

- The Mountains of Mindset
- The Oceans of Owning your Learning
- The Gardens of Getting Unstuck
- The Kingdom of Contribution

We will be looking more in-depth at each of the Kingdoms and how they can benefit and support us throughout our learning. *Showbie* will be used to set personal goals and track our progress toward them.

General comments



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Dear Parent/ guardian,

The first term of their last year in primary seems to have passed in a flash! I am really proud of the class; of how they work together, get stuck in at their tasks and yet, somehow, manage to have some real fun along the way. We have seen all children become increasingly comfortable in sharing their learning with each other- be that presenting research to their peers, performing huge poetry recitals to the rest of the school at assembly or adopting the role of 'teacher' to support other pupils in class: This journey will continue throughout the year.

In addition, I very much enjoyed our 'Technology Challenge' evening last term and hope to host another event soon- I'll be posting a date asap.

Regards, Mr J Wood

Further points:

If your child has their own *Reading Wise* account they can practice their comprehension and decoding skills. This is a great tool to use at home. If anyone has forgotten their log-in, please get in touch.

All pupils will have access to our AR (*Accelerated Reader*) scheme and can undertake quizzes related to reading they are doing in school and at home. Each day at school all pupils are getting 15 minutes of independent reading; we ask that you support your child to read for at least 15 minutes at home each day too. Books can be taken home from the class library.

As the term progresses homework may be set in relation to topic work and the consolidation of basic math facts and spelling changes, along with some reading tasks.

Talk to us!

You know your child best; please let us know about anything that will help us 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 us a note, call the office and you can also email the school office which will then be sent forward to one of us.

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Useful Websites

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/>

<https://www.sumdog.com>