

Literacy

Reading

During reading this term P7 will get new fiction novels. We will use them to continue to build and strengthen our reading strategies to help us understand and evaluate the novels. Non-fiction texts will be used throughout the term to support our research and learning in other topics.

Writing and Grammar

We begin this term using our writing skills to create some haiku poems. Throughout the rest of the term we look at explanation, persuasive and discursive writing – developing our writing skills further.

During writing skills, we will be using our learning from our lessons with Miss Sutherland to uplevel our vocabulary, openers, connectives and punctuation (VCOP) to improve our writing. We will also be looking at metaphors, similes and personification to make our writing more interesting.

Spelling

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 across all our lessons.

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Curriculum Overview

January – March 2023

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy

We'll start by understanding the key concept of fractions, grapple with and use the words we need to share our understanding; this approach will be applied to 'decimals' and 'percentages' too. The class will revisit addition and subtraction and develop these core operations further. Additionally, equations and expressions will be introduced and explored.

Maths

Measure, length, area and perimeter will be explored and mastered for some regular and irregular shapes. A revisiting of shape will develop into concrete understanding of angle types and measuring of them too.

STEM

Throughout this next term P7 will have the opportunity to take part in a range of STEM lessons delivered by all our second level teachers.

They will have the opportunity to explore colour in art, food handling in technology, properties and uses of substances in science and computing processes.

IDL

Heart of Scotland

The first two weeks see us exploring the life and times of Robert Burns; poetry will be learned off by heart - specifically 'Up in the Morning Early'. The whole class will perform their poem to the school at assembly on Friday 27th Jan. Pupils can also perform individually in a separate school competition (24th Jan) where some may be selected to represent the school at a Borders wide competition. On the Bards' birthday (Jan 25th) P7's we will share our learning about Burns by delivering presentations to other classes in the school.

The Titanic

P7's will dive into the world of the Titanic- taking ownership of aspects of planning they'll co-decide what to learn about, how to learn about it and how to share their learning with others. Areas for learning include, class systems, nautical engineering, communication, history and more.

The Solar System

During British Science Week P7 will be exploring the solar system. By building models both conceptual and real we'll grow in our understanding of the wonder that is the solar system!

Health & Wellbeing

PE

In PE with Mr Sutton, P7 will be working on fitness and basketball skills. They will also have the opportunity to take part in Sports Hall Athletic competitions.

Health and Wellbeing

Primary 7 will be learning about the Zones of Regulation. This is a framework to help children to understand and regulate their emotions, as well as be supportive of peers who are finding this tricky at the moment. The four Zones are:

- The **Blue Zone** – low energy state with emotions like sad, sick, tired or bored
- The **Green Zone** – a state of focus and calm, with emotions like happy, content, proud or relaxed
- The **Yellow Zone** – higher energy with some loss of control like feeling silly, excited, worried or embarrassed
- The **Red Zone** – very high state of energy with no control like being furious, panicked, terrified or elated.

Children learn that they will naturally find themselves within all four Zones at different times and that there is no “bad” Zone. They will learn that there are ways to regulate the Zone they are in to better achieve happiness and success in school. The school will share our learning focus each week on our school Facebook page so that families can learn along with us.

We will also have a Safety Week where we will explore how to be safe online and at home. P7 will continue to explore the topics in our sex and relationship education lessons. Lastly, we will be discussing the consequences of drugs and alcohol later in the term.

Kingdoms

This term P7 will continue looking at our Kingdoms of Learning and how each Kingdom can benefit and support us throughout our learning.

How you can help at home

- Support your child to complete their homework each week.
- Encouraging a positive outlook and mindset towards various topics – especially numeracy.
- Pointing out the learning in everyday life: discussing maths skills that are used in cooking, shopping, counting things etc.; encouraging them to use their spelling strategies to spell tricky words when writing lists, letters or notes; listening to them reading aloud to build fluency and confidence, asking questions about what has already happened in the story, what might happen next, who is involved, etc..
- Praising their efforts.
- Using websites such as Hit the Button, Sumdog and BBC Bitesize to practice their skills and build confidence.

Please remember:

- PE is every Tuesday and Wednesday – appropriate kits **must** be worn.
- Cosy clothes/appropriate shoes for Secret Garden visits on Tuesdays.
 - iPads need to come to school fully charged every day.