

Literacy

Reading

During reading this term, as a whole class, we will be working on the same novel for our modelling block, *The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips* by Michael Morpurgo. We will be breaking down each of our reading strategies to build and strengthen our skills to help us understand and evaluate the novel. Non-fiction texts will be used throughout the term to support our research and learning in other topics.

Writing and Grammar

In writing we are exploring procedural and explanation genres, looking at the vocabulary, punctuation and characteristics of each of these genres.

During writing skills, we will be using our learning to up level our vocabulary, openers, connectives and punctuation (VCOP) to improve our writing. We will also be working on developing the parts of speech further to up level our writing.

Talking and listening.

We'll be listening to a number of audio texts to extract key information using our North Lanarkshire literacy skills.

Spelling

In spelling we are continuing with our High Frequency Words, phonics and vocabulary building skills this term, working independently and with others to hone our spelling skills. We will also be building our confidence to use our spelling strategies across all our lessons.

P7W

Curriculum Overview

August - October 2023

Please remember:

- P.E. is every Tuesday and Wednesday – kits **must** be brought in.
- Cosy clothes/appropriate shoes for Secret Garden visits on Thursday.
- iPads need to come to school fully charged every day.
- Look out for information on our swimming block starting soon.

Health & Wellbeing

P.E.

Term 1 P.E. with Mr Sutton will focus on football skills and team building activities.

Health and Wellbeing

Primary 7 will be revising the Zones of Regulation, specifically how we can use these to identify the strategies we can use to help us to regulate our emotions. We will also be looking at building resilience and, again, the strategies we can use to help us in tough times.

Kingdoms

This term P7 will continue looking at our Kingdoms of Learning. Our Kingdoms each have skills and strategies we can use to benefit and support us throughout our learning. This term our focus is on the 'Gardens of Getting Unstuck'.

IDL

P7's topic this term is forces and we will be focussing on the specifics that the class identified during their pupil voice session, last term. These forces will be investigated by planning and undertaking experiments. We will also be looking at computing science, delving more into programming and using the technology.

Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy

This term we are working on place value (up to 6 digits and up to 3 decimal places), addition and subtraction. We will also be exploring estimating, rounding and will have some Scottish Maths Week activities too.

Maths

We will be learning about data handling; taking sets of data (information) from the real world, sorting it out, representing it using the best format and being able to interpret it. This is good preparation for our experiments within our topic 'Forces' as we will apply the knowledge and skills.

In addition we'll learn about uncertainty and chance, making some simple experiments to investigate that.

We'll also delve into the world of real statistics- looking at world population, number of cars built each day and the amount of computer games sold to grapple with huge numbers- learning how to estimate and round numbers.

Ways you can help at home

Spelling:

Practising our spelling words at home can help develop our spelling skills. Encouraging the use of our spelling strategies when spelling anything at home can boost skills and encourage the use of strategies outside of spelling lessons.

Reading:

Listening to your child read can help improve their fluency and expression skills and also help to build their confidence reading aloud. Asking them questions about what has happened so far; predictions for what will happen; who is relevant to the storyline, etc. all help to develop and strengthen their reading skills.

Number and Maths:

Hit the Button and *Sumdog* are both great ways to practice number skills at home. Discussing the learning and using them in real life situations can help P7 make the connections in their learning to the wider world.

Encouraging a positive and growth mindset towards learning is hugely beneficial and carries into all aspects of learning.

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 me.

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Useful Websites for Learning

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

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

<https://www.sumdog.com>