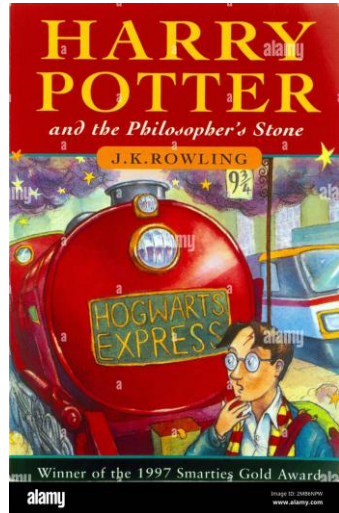


Primary 7

Term 2 October - December 2026

Inter Disciplinary Learning (IDL)



This term in Primary 7 we will be reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone for our topic. We will be exploring the world of Hogwarts, witches, wizards and all things magic. Through our topic we will enjoy getting creative, using our imaginations and applying the rich, exciting and thrilling context of the novel across most of our learning. We hope by introducing our pupils to this wonderful series of books,

many will go on to enjoy the next six novels or even consider reading other books within the fantasy genre.

Health & Wellbeing

Using our Harry Potter topic, we will explore themes of friendship, courage, resilience, respect and making positive choices.

We will also continue using the Learning About Neurodiversity at School (LEANS) programme, a resource that aims to help children understand brain-based differences in how we think, feel, and learn, and promote inclusive attitudes and actions. The whole class will do this topic together. Through stories, videos, and activities, we will explore issues such as equality and equity-based concepts of fairness.

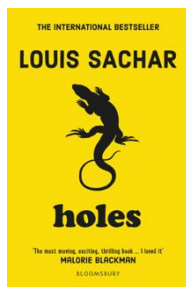


Be Unique
Bullying is wrong. Let's get along.

Join us for Anti-Bullying Week 2026
16-20 November

In addition, we will take part in Anti-bullying week (Monday 16th - Friday 20th November). This year children across the country will be learning about bullying through this year's theme of: 'Be unique: Bullying is wrong. Let's all get along.'

Literacy – Reading



Holes is our group reading novel this term. Working both as a class and in groups pupils will develop and refine their reading skills through identifying and defining new words, summarising parts of the novel, finding and inferring information about main characters then comparing the characters personality and experiences to ourselves. As well as identifying and exploring different themes in the novel, developing their skills to allow them to identify what they can learn or reflect on during and after reading the novel.

Literacy – Writing

This term our focus will be on developing children's confidence and skills in writing with speech, conjunctions, and core sentence-writing skills. Children will learn to use speech to develop characters and communicate ideas, and to use conjunctions to join ideas and create more detailed sentences. Through modelling, discussion and regular writing opportunities, children will be supported to write clear, meaningful sentences and develop their ability to express their ideas independently.

In school, children will be given a set number of chapters to read each week. Time will be given each lesson for children to either read independently, as part of a group or use an audio text. It is unlikely most children will manage all the reading in this time. Please could children be supported and encouraged at home to ensure they are up to date with the reading each week.



Literacy – Spelling & Phonics

This term we will continue to develop our spelling skills and broaden our word knowledge. We will explore spelling patterns and rules, investigate word origins and meanings and further develop our understanding of prefixes, suffixes, synonyms, antonyms. We will have opportunities to apply our spelling strategies independently and be able to use a wider range of vocabulary accurately.

We are continuing to practise sets of words which are known as ‘common misspellings’ - words which can often trip us up or defy simple rules. Pupils are encouraged to use familiar strategies to apply to enable these words to be remembered more effectively.

Literacy – Talking & Literacy

Through our Harry Potter topic, pupils will develop their communication skills by sharing ideas, information and opinions during discussions and group activities. They will learn to listen respectfully to others, express their own viewpoints confidently and build on the ideas of their classmates by asking questions and exploring different perspectives.



Number – Division, Fractions,

This term we are having a number focus and dedicating all our Numeracy and Maths time to developing our number knowledge in preparation for starting at Kelso High School.

With Mrs Blackie pupils will develop their confidence dividing whole numbers and decimals using a range of mental and written strategies to solve increasingly challenging problems. Pupils will explore fractions, including simplifying fractions, finding equivalent fractions and calculating fractions of quantities. They will strengthen their understanding of decimal fractions, through place value, ordering and calculating problems before learning to recognise and convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. Throughout the term the learning will focus on applying these skills to real life contexts, developing problem solving strategies and explaining mathematical thinking.

Number – Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication

In Primary 7, pupils will build on their previous learning in addition, subtraction and multiplication, developing accuracy, efficiency and confidence with increasingly challenging calculations. In addition and subtraction pupils will work with large numbers and decimal numbers, using formal written methods, mental strategies, estimation and checking to solve calculations accurately. They will practise exchanging and carrying where required and apply these skills to multi-step problems. In multiplication, pupils will strengthen their knowledge of times tables up to 12×12 and use these facts to support multiplication of larger numbers, including multiplying by two-digit numbers and multiplying decimals by whole numbers. Pupils will explore different strategies, including partitioning, mental calculations and formal written methods, learning to select the most efficient approach for each task. Throughout these topics, pupils will solve word problems involving more than one operation, explain their mathematical thinking and use

	estimation to check whether their answers are reasonable, helping to develop the problem-solving skills and confidence needed for the transition to secondary school.
We've had a lovely first term getting to know (and further know for the lucky ones who have had Mrs Cook before) and understand your child. We look forward to chatting with you at the upcoming November parents evening but please remember we can be contacted using the information below outwith parent evening appointments. Mrs Cook – Monday & Tuesday Mrs Blackie – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 01835 826533 edensideps@scotborders.gov.uk	