Welcome to a new session for P7K, the summer holidays already seem a very long time ago! The children have all settled in very quickly to Primary 7 and appear very eager to face the exciting challenges ahead of them this session. We have already begun work on Democracy and the children are busy preparing for our House Captain elections. This is a very exciting year for our children and I am looking forward to supporting your child throughout their learning journey.

We have revisited the Rights of the Child and have created our own Class Charter.

In P7K, our responsibilities are:

- To always try our best and encourage others to do the same.
- To respect everyone's personal space, privacy and belongings.
- To show kindness and care for all and report to an adult any concerns about someone's well-being or safety.
- To co-operate with each other and work as a team.
- To allow everyone the opportunity to listen and to have their views heard and respected.
- To respect that everyone has different needs and ways of learning and allow them to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways.

**Please support your child by reading over this with them at home.**

Our main focus this term will be Democracy and the work of the Scottish Parliament. We will investigate how democracy affects our own lives and put this into practice by holding our house captain elections.

We are also planning an enterprise topic later in the term where the children will have opportunities to link with our wider community and be part of running a small business.

Within Health and Well being, we will focus on developing relationships and learning who and how to receive support from in challenging times.

In French and Spanish we will focus on greetings and basic conversation and learn the vocabulary for some classroom instructions.

In Citizenship Gatherings we will revisit our Woodburn Learning Skills and continue our work on raising awareness of Global issues/concerns.

**I am looking forward to hearing about your child's progress.**

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**Numeracy and Maths**

Work in Numeracy this term will be to extend our knowledge of basic facts, develop our skills and understanding of various strategies used in calculations and deepen our knowledge of number facts. We will work on applying our skills to real life problems within a context.

We will also continue to develop our knowledge and skills in data handling.

This term will include Scottish maths focus week. Throughout maths week, children will look at how maths and other curricular areas are linked.

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**Literacy and English**

**Reading**

We will be studying the novel ‘Holes’ by Louis Sachar and study how the author develops themes and relationships between characters through his use of language.

**Writing**

We will be looking at the features of manifestos and creating our own. We will also focus on discursive writing and write about issues which have differing opinions.

**Listening and Talking**

We will be listening to how debates are carried out in the debating chamber of the Scottish Parliament and then demonstrate our own skills in listening to and voicing opinions.

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**P.E.**

The children will have P.E. on Mondays, and Fridays. Children will have Dance on a Tuesday. PE kits should be taken home regularly to be washed.

For P.E. please ensure your child has a change of:
- shoes
- T shirt
- shorts/leggings/trousers (outdoors)
- water bottle

This term Primary 7K will have the following specialist teachers:

- Mrs Smith - Dance
- Mrs Poves dela Rosa – Spanish
- Miis Welsh – Art

**Upcoming Events**

- Visit from the Scottish Parliament outreach team.
- Visit to The Scottish Parliament
- House Captain elections
- Playmaker Training
- P1 Buddies

**Ways you can support your child’s learning by encouraging them:**

- to practise tables and the inverse relationship between multiplication and division
- to take responsibility for their own organisation
- to keep up-to-date with current affairs
- to read a selection of books for understanding and pleasure

If you have any concerns or queries, please either call the school office to organise an appointment time or write a note in your child’s homework diary.

To share in your child’s learning journey, please keep in touch by following us on twitter. @woodburnps