Welcome to Primary 7. I am very much looking forward to sharing some wonderful experiences with your children over the year. I aim to promote a very team orientated atmosphere within the classroom making sure that everyone takes on responsibilities and supports each other. The children have bonded together extremely well in a short space of time and I am looking forward to developing these relationships throughout the year ahead. Primary 7 is going to be a very important and busy year for your children and we have already hit the ground running with the preparations for the House Captain elections. Let the fun times commence!

**I thank you in advance for all your support.**

### Numeracy & 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 measure, angle, symmetry and transformation. This term will include Scottish maths focus week. Throughout maths week, children will look at problem solving skills throughout all areas of the curriculum.

### Writing

This term we are focusing on a novel study looking at ‘Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief’ by Rick Riordan. The children will be exploring different quest stories and, through the use of ‘Talk for Writing’, they will develop skills to create their own interesting quest stories. Particularly focusing on developing descriptive language.

### Reading:

Reading teams will commence in a few weeks time. Until then we will be developing and expanding our comprehension skills by reading extracts and a variety of text, extracting information and discussing the author’s purpose and style as well as reading our class novel and looking at the relationships between characters and how the author develops them over time.

### 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.

### Class charter

Library Slot:

We will be visiting the library every Tuesday. Please remind your children to return books on this day if needed.

### Upcoming Events

- House Captain elections
- Playmaker Training
- P1 Buddie activities
- Initial camp meeting
- Maths focus week
- Visit from the NSPCC
- Parental consultations 24th/25th September

### P.E days and specialists

**Spanish** with Mrs de la Rosa: **Tuesday**

**Art** with Miss Welsh: **Wednesday**

**PE**:
- **Thursday** with Miss Birtram
- **Friday** with Miss Taylor

On these days, please make sure your child has indoor shoes, a t-shirt and shorts, all labelled. The children can wear plain white or house colour t-shirts.

### 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

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