



## Primary 7 Newsletter - Term 2

Welcome to the Primary 7 newsletter! We hope you had a wonderful October break. Here you will find information about what is going on in Primary 7 this term.

### Literacy

**Reading** - In Reading we will restart Literature Circles. Each Reading Group will choose a text to focus on. A key aim of Literature Circles is to allow the children to explore a text in depth. Our Pupils will develop the ability to discuss, define and explore a text. This is an essential way for the children to develop and apply their comprehension skills and to develop the ability to use supporting evidence from a text. The children will continue to receive weekly home learning in the form of chapters to read and a Literature Circle role. To ensure they get the most from the Literature Circle sessions it is important that they read the pages and prepare their role.

**Writing** - In Writing we will be focusing on functional writing, especially newspaper articles. We will also use our History topic as a stimulus for imaginative pieces of writing. Spelling will continue to be taught weekly in class - the word lists are being updated on Spelling City each week. Although this is optional, it is an effective way for the children to practise their spelling words.

### Numeracy and Maths -

This term, there will be a focus on multiplication, division and fractions. Times tables are an integral part of all three areas so we are asking the children to practise their tables as much as possible. The children all have their logins for Education City and Sumdog or they can also use online games such as <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to practise key skills. In Maths this term we will be focussing on Information Handling.

### Learning Across the Curriculum -

This term we will complete our Structure of the Earth and Natural Disasters topic. The children have been very engaged in learning about the Earth's structure and Natural Disasters such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and tsunamis. Last term we focused on research skills, the children will apply these skills during our History topic which we will start later this term.

### Health and Wellbeing-

P7A's PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. P7B's PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. This term we are focusing on decision making and will be looking at this through Netball/Benchball and Basketball.

The children and staff are all very excited about attending P7 ASG Camp. This is a wonderful experience for the children and an exciting start to the transition process. Please remember to look out for updates on our school's twitter feed.

### Wider Achievements-

If your child has accomplished any new achievements outside school please encourage them to let us know!

### Ideas for Learning at Home

**Reading** - Completing weekly home learning and exposing your child to a range of texts.

**Spelling** - Try to practise spelling patterns taught in class (these can be found on Spelling City). It is useful to practise spelling rules from previous weeks. This ensures the children really know the pattern.

**Numeracy** - Lots of practise of times tables will really help the children with their learning in class.

**Maths** - Continue to focus on telling the time - asking the children to tell you the time or extend by asking them to work out durations of time.

### Vision, Values and Expectations

We recently launched our new Bonnyrigg Vision:

'Today we achieve. Tomorrow we make a difference.'

Our core values are:

Safe, Achieving, Confident and Happy

Our expectations for all in our school community are that we are:

Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn

Mrs Ireland and Mrs Thomson