



## Primary 7 Newsletter - Term 3

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

### Literacy

**Reading** - In Reading we will continue Literature Circles until the February break. We have been focusing on a Literature Circle role a week to ensure the children really understand the features of each role and how to complete each task at home. Literature Circles provide the children with the opportunity to explore and discuss a text in detail. In class we have focused on the importance of the children using evidence from the text to support their thoughts and opinions and we are encouraging them to try to refer to the text during discussions. This will continue during term 3 when we will expect the children to take more of a leading role during discussions. To ensure the children get the most from the Literature Circle sessions it is important that they read the pages and prepare their role. After the February break we will start to focus on a range of comprehension strategies.

**Writing** - In Writing we will be focusing on functional and imaginative writing. We will use our World War 2 topic as a stimulus for imaginative pieces of writing. We will also focus on editing skills this term. 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 subtraction, division, fractions and decimals. Both classes are also working on Basic Facts. In Maths this term we will be focusing on Money.

### Learning Across the Curriculum -

There are two topics this term for Primary 7. The first topic will be a history topic and the context for learning will be World War 2.

The second topic will be 'Make £5 Grow'. This topic gives pupils an insight into how a business works and helps them to build life skills, such as team working, problem solving, leadership, money management and creativity. We will provide you with further information about this topic during Term 3.

### 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 respect and tolerance, the children will be learning these skills through Badminton.

In class we will start Keeping Myself Safe. This is a programme that allows the children to explore sensitive and relevant issues around personal safety. Through discussion around scenarios and follow up activities the children will develop a range of personal safety strategies. More information will follow about the Keeping Myself Safe programme.

### 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 their patterns. Focusing on editing skills - for example ask your child to read over what they have written for reading home learning and encourage them to correct any spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors that they notice.

**Numeracy** - Lots of practise of basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts will really help the children with their learning in class.

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