



Primary 7 Newsletter - Term 2

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

Literacy

Reading - During Reading this term, we will be introducing "Reading Journals". The children will be able to explore a text as a group and develop discussion skills. A key aim of "Reading Journals" is to allow the children to explore a text in depth. The children have had the opportunity to select a text and have met in their "Reading Journal" groups to begin discussing key aspects of their novel. Tasks to accompany set reading will be completed in class. We will also continue with our novel study, 'Goodnight Mr Tom'.

Writing - In Writing we will be learning about functional writing with a focus on persuasive and instructional writing. Spelling will continue to be taught weekly in class where children are focusing on word classes, definitions and the etymology of words.

Numeracy and Maths -

This term, there will be a focus on decimals and percentages and we will be linking what we learn to our previous learning about fractions. We will then progress to look at order of operations within Numeracy. During lessons we will also continue to focus on mental maths strategies through Maths Basic Facts. We continue to encourage the children to practise quick recall of times tables facts and number bonds as much as possible as this is helpful in all areas of Numeracy. In Maths this term we will be focusing on properties of 2D and 3D shapes, measure and time.

Learning Across the Curriculum -

There are two topics this term for Primary 7. P7A will begin work on WW2. P7B will finish WW2 and begin to work on Natural Disasters. Both classes will also be looking at Planet Systems. The classes have enjoyed completing a variety of STEM challenges both inside and outside the classroom and we hope that you have seen some of our creations on Twitter!

Health and Wellbeing-

Both Primary 7 classes have PE on a Monday. Your child should come to school in sportswear on this day. PE is now taking place indoors for both classes but some of the PE lessons may still take place outdoors in line with current guidelines at the moment. We will be accessing our outdoor spaces much more so please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket, layers and appropriate footwear.

This term the children will be accessing the Health education programme that they missed in P6. This will cover sex and relationships and the birth of a baby. We will also be exploring body image and confidence across the term as well.

Wider Achievements-

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

Ideas for Learning at Home-

Digital technology will definitely play a part in home learning this year! Home reading will be slightly different this term as no books can come home YET! The children will not receive weekly reading home learning but will complete the reading and activities within class time. We also recommend accessing the following websites to support your child's learning:

NUMERACY:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<http://www.sumdog.com/>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

LITERACY:

<http://www.pobble365.com/>

<https://www.getepic.com/>

Names on clothes -

Please ensure that children have their names clearly labelled. This includes school sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans, and footwear.

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