

Term 3 in Primary 7

Welcome to Primary 7's class page with Miss A.Meldrum and Mrs R.Forbes

Opportunities for personal achievement

Primary 7 continue to represent their class as House and Vice Captains or as members of the school committees which include Pupil Council, Eco, Health, Fairtrade, JRSO and the Blackwood Internet Safety Crew. All Primary 7 learners are Primary 1 buddies and we have been very impressed with their commitment to this. Primary 7 are embracing their leadership opportunities and are developing various skills through this.

This term Primary 7 have decided that they would like to continue to use a group 'money' system in our class to recognise when they display our school values, settle quickly and organise themselves throughout the day. Primary 7 have decided how much pretend money will be given for each of these things and the 'bank clerk' for each group will count up and record daily money collected. Groups will collect the pretend money over time and then exchange this for rewards they have chosen as a class.

One member of the class will be chosen as Star of the Week each week. Their work and/or reasons for being chosen will be displayed on the school Star of the Week wall. Learners will take the Star of the Week book home on Fridays and are asked to please return this on the Monday. Stars of the Week across the school will be celebrated at assemblies on Mondays.

Learners are encouraged to share their achievements at assemblies. Please work with your child to record achievements on the achievement page in their home school planner. Achievements are also displayed on our class display board.

Primary 7 have an exciting time ahead as we only have two terms left at Primary School. This term the pupils will continue to work on their transition by receiving visits from members of staff from Lesmahagow High School and visiting the High School for transition events.

Update from previous term:

Primary 7 had a busy term during Term 2. The House Captains helped with the Christmas lunch and Beech were delighted to win the house treat for Term 2! Primary 7 went to the King's Theatre for the annual pantomime. Transition events are well underway with visits from the Science and Technical department, and Mrs Laird.

Miss Stewart will be joining our class for the next 6 weeks.

Homework – Homework is given out on a Monday and will be collected on a Friday.

Please remember:

- Monday - Homework for the week is issued. Miss Meldrum teaches our class from Monday-Wednesday

- Tuesday – Indoor PE kit
- Wednesday- Cross country- please remember a full change of clothes and shoes. Mrs Forbes is with our class 1-3pm.
- Thursday- Mrs Forbes teaches our class on this day.
- Friday- Mrs Forbes teaches our class on this day.
 - Homework is due

Diaries – Please check your child(s) diary each week in case there are any notes for you to read and sign at the bottom in the given space for signatures to acknowledge that you have read their diary. Thank you.

Interdisciplinary Learning:

Primary 7 will be taking part in interdisciplinary learning focused on Glasgow. Learners will share their prior knowledge and create a list of questions they would like answered, this will then used to plan the learning. Learners will explore forms of transport used, the advantages and disadvantages of these and the potential impact of these on the environment.

Literacy:

Listening and Talking: This term learners will continue to develop their listening and talking skills through group tasks, a group presentation about a famous mathematician and Glasgow, and through their class novel. Persuasive writing will also be used to explore debating skills.

Spelling: Learners will explore the Active Literacy approach to spelling. This will follow a pattern of two weeks focused on a phoneme, a week focused on common words and a week focused on a spelling rule. Learners will learn about diacritical marking, Elkonin boxes and various spelling tasks. Learners will be involved in generating word lists. Learners will also begin to explore subject specific vocabulary to assist them with this when they go to High School after the summer.

Writing: This term, we are focusing on informative and persuasive writing. Learners will be involved in creating informative leaflets and writing persuasive pieces of text which will also be used for debating.

Learners will also continue to take part in weekly handwriting lessons. Learners are encouraged to transfer this learning into their everyday written work and homework to ensure their work is legible and neat.

Reading: As part of our continued commitment to the First Minister's Reading Challenge learners will be encouraged to read for enjoyment on a daily basis. Time is set aside each day for learners to read a text of their choice and for adults to also read a variety of text to the learners. Learners are exploring the Scots novel 'Billionaire Bairn' and Scots poetry this term. This will then be followed by the novel Divided City by Theresa Breslin which links to our interdisciplinary topic of Glasgow. Through this the pupils will discuss the themes of sectarianism, discrimination and friendship.

Learners will explore a range of reading strategies used before, during and after reading. Learners will also develop their comprehension of texts through the 'Find it, Prove it, Talk about it' approach.

Scots: Learners will be involved in reading and translating Scots vocabulary and singing songs written in Scots.

Numeracy and Maths:

This term, we will explore addition, subtraction, expressions and equations, time, shape and money. Learners will also work in groups to research and present about the impact of a famous mathematician.

We will also continue to revisit the addition and multiplication 'Learn Its' to help increase our speed and accuracy when recalling number facts. At the end of the week pupils will complete a Big Maths 'Beat That' Test with the aim being to increase their score from the previous week.

Learners will continue working towards achieving bronze, silver and gold stickers for their times tables. Please see their home school planner to see how they are doing with this.

Other Curricular Areas:

Health & Wellbeing: For Outdoor P.E. Primary 7 will focus on developing a range of skills and their stamina through cross country. For Indoor P.E Primary 7 will develop various skills through gymnastics and fitness.

Primary 7 will take part in transition focused workshops with NLP4Kids every fortnight. Primary 7 will also further explore growth mindset through 'Being Cool in School' lessons.

We will continue to explore the Wellbeing Indicators:

S – Safe

H – Healthy

A – Achieving

N – Nurtured

A – Active

R – Respected

R – Responsible

I – Included

Learners will also continue to learn about the rights themselves and others are entitled to. Learners will continue to participate in tooth brushing this year.

Science: Primary 7 will explore forces with Miss Stewart and will then explore planets as part of a homework project.

Expressive Arts: Primary 7 will be using a variety of media to develop their skills in the visual elements and concepts. This will be linked to our Scots and Glasgow focus. Learners will explore the work of Scottish artists 'Ritchie Collins' and 'Samuel John Peploe'. ABC Music will be used to support music this term and will involve learners in singing and playing Scots songs on a glockenspiel, with a particular focus on Robert Burns. Drama will be linked to the novel 'Divided City' and explore a range of scenarios.

Primary 7 will also visited the King's Theatre in Glasgow to see a performance of 'Billionaire Boy' linked to their Literacy work.

Religious and Moral Education: Primary 7 will explore 'Beliefs in the community and community membership' and beliefs in Sikhism.

Social Studies: See interdisciplinary section.

Technologies: Learners will participate in Safer Internet Day and lessons to explore ways to keep safe online and to be a digital citizen. Learners will also explore Computing Science with a focus on computational thinking- coding.