

## **P7L Class Newsletter**

Happy New Year!

Welcome back for term 3.

### **Literacy**

This term in reading we will be working on new jobs in our Literacy Circles alongside class novels. We will also continue to develop grammar with a focus on sentence structure and writing more complex sentences. In the first few weeks we will have a focus on poetry and Scots as our language of the month culminating in our school wide Burns celebration towards the end of January. This will cover much of our Talking and Listening as we learn and perform To a Mouse by Robert Burns. We will also be working on solo talks within the class.

In writing, we will be looking at report writing, specifically writing reports about different countries around the world linking into our IDL. Later on, we will look at explanation texts focusing on the science we are covering later in the term.

### **Numeracy**

This term, we will continue to have a balance of number and beyond number. In number, we will continue to develop strategies for the 4 operations with numbers up to 7 digits where appropriate. Furthermore, we will look at fractions, decimals and percentages. In Beyond Number, we will look at shape, measurement, time and probability.

### **Outdoor Learning**

On Wednesday afternoons, Mrs Murdoch will take the class for an outdoor learning session. Please ensure learners are appropriately dressed for the outdoors with a waterproof jackets and shows and extra layers on cold days. Some waterproof jackets are available in school to borrow.

### **NCCT**

NCCT will be covered this term by Mrs Saeed who will be covering some elements of Numeracy and Science on Monday mornings and Mrs Murdoch will cover on Wednesday afternoons.

### **IDL**

Our interdisciplinary learning is called Peace and Conflict and we will be looking mostly at WWII: the reasons behind it, how people were affected by it all around the world and what important lessons can be learned. Later in the term, we will have a pupil led IDL which will be chosen by the class.

## **PE**

For the time being, indoor PE will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons and outdoor on Friday mornings after break. During this term the class will be going swimming on Tuesdays. More information will be provided closer to the time on Seesaw and in class.

Please ensure learners are dressed appropriately for PE days with no jewellery, indoor or outdoor gym shoes for the sessions and comfortable gym clothes.

## **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set on Mondays and due on Fridays. Both spelling and numeracy tasks will be set each week to reinforce learning in class as well as some extra tasks to follow up on school celebrations and IDL.

Additional tasks are available through word aware and numeracy challenges which are set for the whole school.

Spelling can be completed on the Seesaw app, on paper and uploaded or videos can be taken of more active spelling activities as described below.

<b>Jumping jacks</b>  Say each letter with a jumping jack.	<b>Clap/Snap Syllables</b>  Clap or snap the rhythm of a word to hear its parts.	<b>Sound Tapping</b>  Tap out the sounds (phonemes) in a word using fingers or objects.
<b>Charades</b>  Act out the word's meaning.	<b>Silly Sentences/Songs</b>  Make up rhymes or funny sentences using the word to make it memorable.	<b>Paired game</b>  With a partner, write out the word one letter at a time on your partners back and see if they can guess the word.