

Dear P7 parents/carers,

We are nearly at the end of your children's primary school experience! This year has really flown by. We will keep you updated throughout this final term with any P7 transition news or dates for the diary. As you will now be aware, Miss Taylor will be taking on the role of Acting Depute Head Teacher and will be handing over the P7T class to Miss Morrison for the final term of P7.

### **Health and Well Being**

#### **P.E.**

Our main gym days will be Monday and Wednesday. Our focus for Wednesdays will be athletics and outdoor games. Could you please ensure your child doesn't wear jewellery on gym days? Please note, children are not allowed to take part in gym if they're wearing earrings. Our focus on Mondays will be swimming lessons which will take place from 9:30-10:15am at the Gorbals Leisure Centre. Please make sure your child is on time on Mondays as this is a very quick turnaround to get over there and changed, and we want everyone to benefit from this life-saving skill!

#### **Health**

We will continue to reflect on our learning, creating our own next steps, identifying and discussing the skills we are developing and making the link between our learning and the world of work. We will be learning about future career pathways and choices we need to make to get where we want to. We will be looking at strategies to help prepare us for transition to secondary school.

### **Literacy**

#### **Writing**

Our literacy this term will be non-fiction with a focus on recounts. We will also be looking at writing in response to expressive arts, and procedural writing (instructions).

#### **Reading**

This term we shall continue to build on our reading strategies by applying them in new contexts and linking to our topic. We will be learning from both fiction and non-fiction texts, and we will be comparing texts, looking at structures and themes.

#### **Talking & Listening**

We will be revising our talking and listening skills from previous terms and applying them in new contexts, e.g. performing in the leavers' assembly.

## **IDL**

Our IDL topics for term four are 'Saving the Environment' - linking Sustainable Development Goals to the World of Work, and 'Transition' - where we will focus on the process of moving to secondary school.

## **Numeracy**

In term four, we will consolidate all the learning we have covered this year in maths. We will provide the right level of challenge for each group, to bridge the gap between primary and secondary school. Some of our class will be learning from the S1 planners this term.

## **Outdoor Learning**

As the weather generally improves in Term 4, we will be outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child always brings or wears a sensible jacket (waterproof if possible) and suitable shoes every day, as we never know what the Scottish weather will do!

## **Other Teachers**

Mrs Saeed will continue to teach maths in the class on Thursday mornings this term.

## **Parents' Evenings**

Will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April (early) and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May (late). Please look out for slips with your times on them.

## **Homework**

In Term 4, we will continue to have our weekly spelling, literacy/careers and numeracy tasks on Seesaw. Near the end of the term the only homework set will be to memorise the script and songs for the leavers' assembly.

## **P7 Leavers!**

We are currently looking into arranging a leavers' daytrip in June. We are very fortunate that the Parent Council have provided funding for the leavers' hoodies this year, many thanks to them for this. There will also be a leavers' assembly and graduation ceremony, to which families are invited - on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, in the afternoon. The secondary schools should contact you directly about any transition visits that will be happening this term. We will inform you of the Shawlands Academy transition day visits but the current dates are Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of May, and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of June.

We finish at 1pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June for the summer holidays, and we wish the very best to the children as they move on to secondary school.

As ever, thanks in advance for your support.

Miss Morrison