

Primary 6 Newsletter - Term 2



The start of this school year seems to have flown by and here we are at the beginning of Term 2 already. We would like to say thank you to all our parents and carers who attended parents' appointments. It's lovely to have the chance to speak to you about your wonderful children. As the clocks go back, and the weather changes, please send your children to school wearing a jacket, appropriate footwear and a change of indoor shoes.

Term 2 is an exciting one in P6, we will begin our World War One topic and present our learning about Remembrance Day with you at our class assembly on the 10th of November. Please keep an eye on the school app for your invitation to attend. We also have the build up to Christmas and all the excitement this brings.

Literacy -Our new class text will be War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. We will be celebrating Book Week Scotland from the 13th November - 17th November, please support us by encouraging your children to read for pleasure as often as possible at home. This could include signing up at your local library and downloading the Bookzilla app.
<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/reading-and-stories/bookzilla>

We will be focusing on reading comprehension skills. The children will interact with a variety of texts, including their home reader to understand, analyse and evaluate texts. The children are responding very well to spelling lessons. It is incredible to see how motivated and invested in improving their spelling they have become. Who knew spelling could be so much fun? We will continue to develop sounds and syllables as well as applying their spelling knowledge to written activities and investigations. This term in Writing we will tackle an explanation text, drawing on our Science work from Term 1. We will also encourage independent writing of recount texts to build on their knowledge of biography texts from last term.

Numeracy and Maths - In Term 1, we celebrated Maths Week Scotland. We created art work using measure, made music using our counting skills to keep rhythm and solved very challenging problems and investigations. We all loved the special focus on Maths and were delighted and surprised at all the ways we use our Maths and Numeracy skills. This term we will end our block of work on numerals and number structures and then move on to addition and subtraction. We will build upon all of our previous strategies and begin to introduce written methods of addition and subtraction. We will build on our experience of measure investigating capacity and volume. We will develop our knowledge of problem solving strategies, focussing on logic problems.

Expressive Arts - In Art and Design, we will work with clay. We will also be learning some simple sewing stitches when we make our own Christmas decorations. Our class assembly is fast approaching and we will employ drama skills in our performance. Christmas will involve social dance as part of our PE curriculum and we are already learning how to play the ukulele and the xylophone in our Music lessons.

Topic - Our topic this term will be World War One. From the initial lessons we have covered the children are already very curious about this topic. We will look at why the war started and influential countries and people throughout it. As we look at trench warfare and battles, please be assured that these are all tackled from a sensitive perspective and will all be aimed at a child's level of understanding. We look forward to sharing our Remembrance Assembly with you on the 10th of November. Further details will follow.

Health and Wellbeing

Our health and wellbeing work will include weekly PE sessions with our specialist teachers from LHS Miss MacKay, Mr Morris and class teachers. P6A will have P.E on Monday and Thursday, P6B on Monday and Wednesday.

We will continue to follow our relationships, sexual health and parenthood programmes of work, the link to all teaching materials and resources for Progression 1 is below.

<https://rshp.scot/second-level/>

The titles planned for this term are Sex ; How People have Sex/ What do they do?, How human life begins and Being a parent/carer.

Your children will be encouraged to discuss and explore their feelings through Zones of Regulation, they will develop skills, understanding and a knowledge of how they feel in different situations and how to regulate this throughout the day. This is a school wide initiative.

Mandarin

This term Primary 6 are going to be learning Mandarin on a Tuesday with our Mandarin teacher, Yujing. The children will learn phrases and aspects of life in China.

Ideas for Learning at Home

Google Classroom is now being used regularly by children in class. Your child is confident at finding their way around this site. We will post spelling tasks, reading that is set in class along with a Book Talk lens to access at home. When new concepts are introduced in Numeracy we may attach some information to demonstrate how we use the strategy and feedback from parent's appointments was that some consolidation of work we are doing in class would be beneficial. Any online games we use in class can be found on the classroom

Mrs Thompson, Mrs McLean, Mrs Sneddon and Mrs Bowman