



P7A NEWSLETTER – TERM 3 – JANUARY 2022



Numeracy and Maths

This term, we have done a block on probability and now we are focusing on written methods to calculate multiplication. We shall work up to multiplying decimals by decimals, first mastering how to multiply by two digits. In Beyond Number, we shall be looking at angles, symmetry and transformation of shapes.

It would be really beneficial if, at home, your child could be practicing their times tables.

Dates for the Diary

Holidays in February: Fri 11th Feb and Mon 14th Feb

In-Service Days in February: Tue 15th and Wed 16th Feb

End of term: Fri 1st April



Weekly Timetable:

Tues: P.E.

Spanish w/Senora Coles

Wed: HWB w/Miss Anderson

Thurs: French/Music w/ Mrs Edwards

Fri: P.E.

Literacy

Reading – We are doing a block of non-fiction this term and will be mainly using Reflective Reading grids for the children to show they have understood the text, independently working through the grids after they have read the text. In secondary school, the children will need to have skills in understanding non-fiction texts in different subjects.

Writing – we are firstly focusing on more imaginative writing this term, looking at setting and character. We are then moving onto a block of discursive writing.

Listening and Talking – Children's Mental Health Week is week beginning 7th Feb, so there will be lots of discussions around this topic; the children's individual prepared talks on Scotland will also take place that week.



Topic – Science – “Energy, Past, Present and Future”



We shall be learning about the different types of energy; about how we created energy in the past, how we do just now and how we shall do so in the future; about links to sustainability.

Homework in P7:

- Homework will not be issued on the same day of the week in P7. Children have been given a Homework Diary to help them learn to organise and time manage completion of tasks.
- Children will benefit from spending time reading for enjoyment on a daily basis in order to build reading stamina. I will encourage them to read for around 15min per day.
- Homework will be assigned through Teams.

Supporting your child's learning:

- Encourage your child to be organised: before starting secondary education, it is essential that children learn to be organised and take responsibility for producing high quality homework, remembering PE kits and packing bags with everything they need for the day.
- Read, read and read – this is so beneficial to children. Read anything! Magazines, websites, etc., are fabulous if your child is not keen on reading fiction.
- Encourage the use of dictionaries/thesaurus (online or in hard copy) to find the definitions of unknown vocabulary.
- Please support your child to consolidate mathematical life skills such as telling the time and learning time equivalents (weeks per year, days per year etc.) if not secure yet.
- Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding homework or class work.