

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL BALGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term Ahead: Primary 7 January-April

Dear Parent/Carer,

The table below outlines what we will be working on in primary 7 this term.

Literacy and English

This term in reading we will use literacy circles, where each group will focus on a different novel and develop higher order thinking skills through comprehension tasks.

Most of our writing will link directly to our digital topic and involve planning a video game, creating a story board, blurb for advertising, and identify the effects of being online using a range of writing tools. Children will get an opportunity to present their research and views, as well as contribute to class discussions and debates.

Scots: In line with Scots night and Burns day, we will analyse and learn different Scots poems and songs and create a Scots dictionary word bank to help understand the language.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Digital Topic: We will be using iPads to enhance digital skills with use of Education Minecraft, coding, sketchbook, Powerpoint, Garageband, iMovie and tools within other apps such as camera features. Children will develop these skills through all areas of the curriculum.

H&W: We will be revisiting themes introduced in P6 around 'our body'. We will cover hygiene, what it means to be transgender, online friendships, consent, types of abuse, becoming a parent and emotional wellbeing & body image. We will be using the https://rshp.scot/ resource to support learning.

Scots: We will be learning ceilidh dances, Scots poems and songs. Children will perform a song/poem on w/c 23rd January and may be selected to perform on Scots night.

JASS: We will encourage everyone to complete their 12 hours on the 'My interests' section of JASS at home and complete the other 2 sections in school.

Numeracy and Mathematics

We are currently using TeeJay, White Rose Maths and Sumdog to support our numeracy and maths lessons.

In term 3, we will introduce algebra and recap learning involving decimals, percentages and fractions. This will include equivalence, ordering, rounding, and solving problems using the 4 operations. Additionally, we will recap 3D shape and use digital technology to investigate other mathematic topics.

We will continue to use multistep worded problems to develop understanding of new and prior learning.

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P.E: Will take place on Thursdays with the PE specialist Mr Murray. Times have changed, P7A will have PE in the afternoon and P7B in the morning.

Homework: In line with the school homework policy, there will be no assigned weekly homework.

Alongside the home learning wall, children will be asked to learn a Scots poem or song this term.

We will also be looking for opportunities for P7 fundraisers to raise money for end of term events.

Outdoor Learning: We will have weekly outdoor learning sessions **every Monday**. Please ensure your child is prepared for all weathers.

Important Dates:

- Perform Scots Poems/Songs 23rd Jan
- Scots Night Thurs 2nd February
- Mid-term Holiday 13th-20th February
- Risk Factory Trip Tues 28th March

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Yours sincerely, Hannah Gaunt & Chrysa Karagianni

Class Teachers