



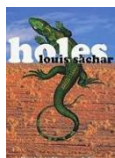
Term Ahead: Term 1 / August-October / Primary 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely welcoming the Primary 7s back to school after the holidays. They have settled well into their new classes and have been enthusiastic in their approach to learning. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting first term in P7.

Literacy and English

This term, our learning will be centred around our class novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar. We will use the novel to develop a range of reading skills, with a particular focus on prediction, inference, questioning and developing fluency when reading aloud.



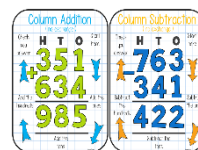
In writing, we will focus on descriptive writing, including creating effective settings and characters. Pupils will continue to develop their vocabulary, sentence structure, paragraphing, punctuation and proofreading skills. Some of our writing will also link closely to our Heritage topic.

Spelling will be practised regularly, with a focus on age appropriate spelling patterns and common words.

Numeracy and Mathematics

In Term 1, we will begin by revising and extending our understanding of place value, including reading, writing, comparing and ordering larger numbers, rounding, negative numbers and powers of 10.

We will then develop our skills across the four operations, including addition and subtraction with integers, factors and multiples, prime, square and cube numbers, multiplication and long division.



We will also focus on measure, developing pupils' confidence in converting and calculating with metric units of length, mass and capacity.

Learning Across the Curriculum



Our main interdisciplinary topic this term is **Heritage**. We will explore what heritage means to us and celebrates the diversity of cultures, traditions and experiences within our classes and wider community. Pupils will have opportunities to explore family stories, languages, food and recipes, clothing, religious and cultural celebrations, dance, games and traditions from around the world. We will also look closer to home by exploring Balgreen's heritage, including how the local area has changed over time.

As our pupils begin their final year at Balgreen, we will focus on developing leadership through our P7 Takeovers.



With support from staff, pupils will work in groups to research a topic linked to the Sustainable Development Goals, plan a lesson and then 'take over' another class to deliver their learning alongside pupils from their House. Pupils will also continue working with their P3 buddies.

In Health and Wellbeing, our RSHP learning will explore a range of age-appropriate topics around relationships, personal wellbeing, keeping ourselves safe and making responsible choices both online and offline.

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P.E: Will take place on Thursdays. P7A will be having PE in the morning, while P7B in the afternoon.



Homework: In line with the school homework policy, there will be no assigned weekly homework. We will however provide an optional home learning wall.

Outdoor Learning: We will have weekly outdoor learning sessions every Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers.

Padlet QR code: We will update our school's Padlet fortnightly so you can keep up with what we've been learning.



Important Dates:

- Art of Listening Trip - 6th October (Fully funded by Edinburgh International Festival)

Yours sincerely,

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