

# THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL BALGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Term Ahead: August-October / Primary 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely welcoming everyone back to school after the holidays. They have been enthusiastic in their approach to their learning. We thought we would share with you what we will be working on with them this term.

## Literacy and English

For reading, we will be focussing learning using our class novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, through reading comprehension tasks.

Writing this term will use short writing tasks to develop accurate punctuation, descriptive vocabulary, interesting openers and use of connectives. Children will write biographies to support our Artist topic. Also, we will focus on note taking and effective ways to organise notes.

We will also use group reading sessions to focus on reading aloud with fluency and expression using a range of fictional novels. Children will complete a range of comprehension activities to showcase understanding of their text.

Spelling rules: the 'shun' sound sion/tion/ssion/cian, 's' sounds like 'c' and common words.

### Learning Across the Curriculum

**H & W:** We will be learning about Zones of Regulation. Also, we will be using RSHP recap body parts, puberty and personal hygiene.

Topic - Artists around the world: We will be completing research about artists from different continents. Children will compare different artists' experiences, styles of art and backgrounds. Additionally, we will have an opportunity to try out different forms of art inspired by the artists we are researching.

#### Music Lessons:

Woodwind lessons will happen every Tuesday afternoon. Brass lessons will happen every Friday morning. Please note not all children will be involved in these music lessons.

## Numeracy and Mathematics

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

In term 1, we will be spending the first few weeks revising place value, comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000,000, rounding and adding/subtracting using the column method.

New learning will involve multistep addition and subtraction problems, multiplying and diving up to 4-digit numbers by a 2-digit number using formal methods, order of operations, mental calculations and estimation.

#### Admin

P.E: Will take place on Thursdays with the PE specialist Mr Murray. P7B will be having PE in the morning, while P7A 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. These will focus on life skills and further support the learning that is taking place in class. We would encourage children to read regularly at home and practice the spelling words provided.

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

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Yours sincerely,

Hannah Gaunt & Chrysa Karagianni Class Teachers