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Term Ahead Letter: Primary 7 - October to December

The information below outlines what we will be working on in Primary 7 this term. We have a busy term ahead!

Literacy and English

We will continue to explore descriptive imaginative writing. We will have a focus on punctuation, learning how to show direct speech/dialogue in our texts, as well as correct use of apostrophes and commas. Through story writing, we will work on writing more at length.

As part of our enterprising activities, we will also be making posters. In these lessons, pupils will learn about key words and explore design and layout.

For spelling, we'll be tackling prefixes like im-, in-, anti-, and co-, along with the "s" sound represented by "c" and common words.



For reading, we' will finish our class novel, Holes and then make comparisons between the book and the film. Following this, our new class novel is Kensuke's Kingdom. Through independent and group tasks, we hope to develop curiosity, comprehension, prediction and inference skills.

Numeracy and Mathematics

We will continue our learning of division and multiplication, where pupils will progress to tackling multi-step problems that incorporate all four operations. We will be utilizing engaging resources such as White Rose Maths and Sumdog to enhance their learning experience.

Afterwards, we will delve into the world of fractions. Pupils will learn about mixed numbers, equivalent fractions, and how to simplify them.

Continuing with measurement, P7A will learn about perimeter, area and volume, while P7B will learn be calculating and converting metric units for weight, length and capacity.



As we have 2 large enterprise fundraising activities this term, the classes will also learn about budgeting. This provides a real-life context to practice calculating profit and loss, carry out money calculations using all four operations, and work out change.

Learning Across the Curriculum

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support with our Heritage Feast – it was truly a feast! The food was delicious, and it was a joy to share treats from around the world together with our P3 buddies.
This term focuses on our enterprise initiatives complemented by exciting STEAM projects linked to Sciences, Arts and Technologies.

STEAM: We will be participating in online Meet the Scientist lessons with Our Dynamic Earth, as well as an exciting visit from the British Interactive Media Association. We will have a short focus on Water, during which we will learn about the states of water and the water cycle, before moving on to explore light and shadow. We will learn about formal elements of art, including tone and pattern, by participating in Art Friday online events with The National Galleries of Scotland.

Enterprise – fundraising: Through a Spooky Bake, Christmas Café and making and selling calendars, we hope to raise lots of funds for the fun P7 end-of-school activities, including our Epic Day. Thank you for your support with these.

Health and Wellbeing: We will continue to progress through the Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood programme. More information about this can be found here: https://rshp.scot/second-level/

For updates about our learning, please access our school Padlet on our school website or use this QR code.

Admin



P.E: Thursdays with Mr Murray.

Outdoor Learning: We will continue weekly outdoor learning sessions **every Thursday.** Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for all weathers, with a waterproof jacket and suitable shoes.

Homework: In line with the school homework policy, there will be no assigned weekly homework. We will however provide an optional home learning wall that further support the learning that is taking place in class.

P7 Takeovers: Following the success of our first Takeover, we will be planning and delivering another couple this term. Pupils are learning a variety of meta-skills during these including leadership, self-management, verbal communication and presenting skills, and finding and filtering information.

Important Dates:

- 29th October: Spooky Do.
- 30th October: P7 Spooky Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **19th November: Visit Tynecastle High School for a transition Science lesson. Please wear suitable clothing as we will be walking there and back.**
- 8th December: P7 Christmas Café Fundraiser
- 15th December: Christmas Song Concert

Kind wishes,
Ms Chrysa Karagianni, Mrs Jemma Jeffrey & Mrs Harris