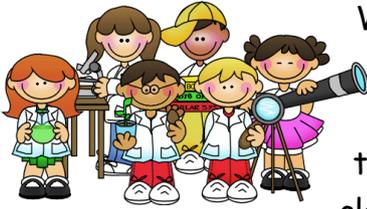


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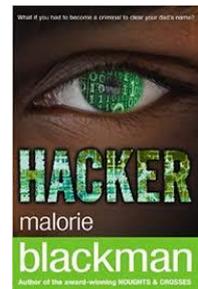
Dear Parents / Carers,

Where oh where have the Summer holidays gone? I can't believe we've been to Inverclyde and we're back already. I truly hope the children had a great time and have made memories that will last them a lifetime...I know I did!



We have a busy term ahead planned and have already hit the ground running. Our context for learning, '**We Are Engineers**,' is Science and Technology based and I know the children are looking forward to getting started. The classroom is going to be a hive of activity with lots of fun, hands-on experiments and investigations. Electrical circuits, energy conversions, pneumatics, chemical cells and forces are just some of the scientific concepts we will be getting to grips with as we aim to apply our new-found science knowledge to powering our very own inventions. Creative ideas, problem-solving strategies and critical thinking skills are high on the agenda as the children will be asked to prepare their very own 'Dragon's Den' presentations. Perhaps your child will come up with the next award-winning invention...when they do, and they start raking in the millions, please persuade them to remember me...their humble P7 teacher!

Our written work this term will focus on functional writing, although there will still be opportunities for the children to develop their creative writing skills as we make some of their inventions the stimulus for stories. Our class novel is 'Hacker' by Malorie Blackman, and I think it's one the children will enjoy. The book tells the story of Vicky, who is forced to hack into a major bank's computer system in order to save her father from wrongful arrest. We will be using Book Detective and Reflective Reading tasks to explore the themes of the novel in more detail.



In ICT, we will be using the computers as a research and presentation tool to enhance work done across the different curricular areas (Word, PowerPoint, Book Creator etc). In addition, we will be looking at computer coding and I have signed the class up to an online Hour of Code event which will take place in December as part of the 2019 Computer Science Education

Week. Obviously, as the children become more prolific Internet users, it is vital they understand the importance of staying safe online. With this in mind, I am hoping to organise a visit from the school's Police Liaison Officer. As a follow up to this, I anticipate the children producing some sort of Internet Safety Guide that can be shared with families across the school. The Expressive Arts will be used to further embed these messages as we participate in role plays, sing songs, and create posters on the theme.

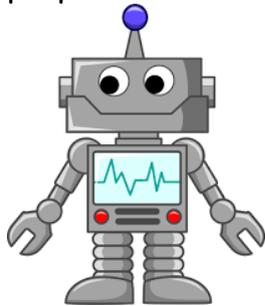


In Maths, we will continue to extend our knowledge and understanding of number as we use our knowledge of place value to tackle addition and subtraction of whole numbers. Miss Seivewright will teach the class for part of Monday mornings and she will be doing a focussed unit of work on times tables and their application to multiplication and division. Please continue to practise times tables with your child at home as these really are the key to unlocking so much of the Maths curriculum. We will also be learning more about measures, shape and scale, data handling and probability. Although, daily Maths lessons will incorporate elements of mental maths and problem solving, a regular problem solving slot will be built into the timetable where the children will apply the skills they have learned to a real context using the RUCSAC approach (Read, Understand, Choose, Solve, Answer, Check).

As many of the P7s have volunteered to be buddies for the younger children, we will be playing a variety of playground games during P.E. As we play the games, children will be asked to consider the suitability of the game for younger children and the practicalities of how they might teach them. We will also be doing tag rugby on the pitch on Wednesdays, so please make sure your child has kit suitable for going outside in.



In RME, Miss Seivewright will be looking at creation stories from Christianity and Other World Religions. She will also be looking at the Theory of Evolution, so be prepared for some interesting questions and debates around the tea table!



We continue to have Frau Kaup teaching German on Wednesday mornings and I will also be teaching French to the children. This term's French focus will be applying the children's knowledge of numbers and colours to creating simple verbal and written sentences. My grand plan is for the children to use Book Creator to write a French book about a robot for a younger class.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your child better over the forthcoming weeks. I hope to invite you in to sample some of work the children produce later in the term (inventions, French Book Creator stories, Internet Safety Guides etc). Who knows...if you're really good, we might even sing to you! In the meantime, if you have any concerns and queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Happy P7,

Mrs. Karen Downie