



P7S Newsletter

Term 3

2019-2020



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to Term 3 of P7S. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday. We are delighted to be joined this term by Miss Abbott, a First year student, from Aberdeen University.

Our Timetable

Monday	Library every fortnight, Stage Assembly (P4-7)
Wednesday	PE with Ms Macdonald
Thursday	Music with Miss Minto; French and ICT with Mrs Morrison
Friday	Technology with Ms Macdonald, Whole School Assembly



Context for Learning

This term, our context for learning will be 'Mary Queen of Scots'. The children will be learning about the story of Scotland's most famous queen: battles, murder, plotting, romance, kidnap, imprisonment, escape and execution. We will be identifying and investigating some of the key sites associated with Mary in Scotland. It is even believed that Mary Queen of Scots even visited our very own Hallforest Castle in 1562. As part of our context for learning we hope to visit Holyrood Castle for a workshop on Mary Queen of Scots.

Literacy

In Writing we will begin the term by working on writing a narrative developing interesting introductions, and conclusions, appropriate settings and vocabulary to engage/influence the reader as well as using turning points and cliff hangers. We will also be working on our Persuasive writing and Newspaper reports developing our ability to express thoughts and opinions in our writing using some supporting detail and evidence to persuade our reader. In Reading we will be improving our ability to skim, scan and close read a passage as well as reading and giving book reviews. In Listening and Talking we will be identifying and discussing the impact of a range of punctuation, discussing atmosphere, tension and characterisation and linking examples from texts to our own and other's experiences. In Grammar we will be looking at literacy devices to build cohesion within a paragraph, linking paragraphs using adverbials of time, place and number and the use of commas after fronted adverbials.

Numeracy

In Maths we will be working on multiplication and division including calculations using grid and column methods. We will also be covering multiples, factors, primes, powers and roots and tackling algebraic equations. We will be having a workshop from the Money Sense school programme from RBS. The workshop involves the children being Fraud Squad Investigators who have to solve a fraud which had been committed against their friend. They then have to create and present a report warning other of the dangers of identity theft and fraud. Information for parents and activities to help children towards a better financial future can be found at: <https://rbs.mymoneysense.com/parents/>



Health and Well-Being

Through our weekly Senior Assemblies are continuing to build our Decider Skills which aim to provide children with the skills to recognise their own thoughts, feelings and behaviours, and to monitor and manage their own emotions and mental health. We will have a visit from the ALEC

(Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres) with a workshop on Decisions. Information about ALEC can be found at <http://alec.org.uk/>. We will be using the RSHP resource to learn about Friends and Friendships. This resource provides a comprehensive set of learning activities which is structured in line with Curriculum for Excellence Levels. More information about the programme can be found at: <https://rshp.scot>. I have posted the information for parents on SeeSaw. If you would like a hard copy please let me know.

P.E.

In P.E. for the first few weeks we will continue to have football training from AFC. We will enjoy a return visit from Stephen, the football coach, in May. This term we will be developing our knowledge of dance by practising our Scottish Country Dancing as well as learning dances from other countries.



Library

We will visit the school library every fortnight and have already enjoyed our first visit. Subsequent dates are as follows: 20th January, 3rd February, 2nd March, 16th March and 30th March

Homework



Homework will continue to be handed out on a Wednesday to be returned on the following Tuesday. Weekly spelling lists will continue to be published on www.spellingcity.com. The children have the web address and their spelling group inside the cover of their homework book along with their Sumdog login details. Thank-you for your continued support with homework. If there are any issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dates for your diary

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| • Monday 20 th January | European Week |
| • Friday 24 th January | P7 Kemnay Academy Transition Day |
| | Burns Competition Assembly |
| • Monday 27 th January | Theatre Production of Snow White |
| • Friday 31 st January | PTA Ceilidh |
| • Thursday 13 th – Monday 17 th February | School Holiday |
| • Tuesday 18 th February – Wednesday 19 th February | In-Service Days |
| • Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day |
| • Tuesday 17 th and Thursday 19 th March | Parent/Teacher Appointments |
| • Friday 3 rd April | Easter Service at Kintore Church |
| | End of term |
| • Monday 20 th April | Start of Term 4 |

I look forward to continuing our partnership in your child's education. If you would like more information or there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy new year.

Ms Macdonald
Class Teacher