



Carrick Knowe Primary School

Primary 7 Newsletter

Terms 1 & 2: August-December



After a long summer, it is great to be back. I am looking forward to a fun filled and busy year with the new Primary 7s! The aim of this newsletter is to give you a brief overview of what we will be covering in class in each of the curricular areas. As the year progresses, keep an eye on the website as we'll be posting lots of photos on there.

Literacy and Language: Writing - Speech Writing - Poetry Writing (using context of WWII) - Taking and using notes - Imaginative Writing (focusing on 'suspense' genre) - Developing use of descriptive language, structure, characters, setting and dialogue - Handwriting - Weekly Spelling Patterns - Grammar Focus - punctuation (ABC . , ? ! " ") Reading - Reading aloud with fluency, accuracy and expression - Comprehension skills - Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) - Skimming and scanning texts for key information - Propaganda Listening and Talking - Debating - Election Speeches - Genius Hour Presentations	Numeracy and Maths: - Place Value (ordering, partitioning, rounding and multiplying/dividing numbers by 10, 100, 1000) - Addition/Subtraction/Multiplication/Division (confidence using a variety of written and mental methods, factors, primes, BODMAS, short and long division, multiplying 2 digits by 2 digits) - Fractions (equivalents, simplifying, comparing and ordering, + - x ÷, mixed numbers and fractions of amounts) - Measurements (metric and imperial measures, converting metrics and problem solving) - Time (converting 12 and 24-hour clocks, time durations, reading timetables, converting minutes and hours) - Money (exploring forms of money, money calculations, giving change, budgets and debt) - Numeracy Ninjas (5-minute challenges focusing on times tables, numbers bonds and key skills)
Health and Wellbeing: - School Values (Responsibility and Respect) - Building Resilience (Make a Difference & Talk Things Over) - PE (Fitness, Handball, Cricket, Tennis, Badminton, Volleyball and Team Games) - Continued work on Growth Mindset - Class Charter with a focus on UNCRC	Social Studies (World War II): - Using primary and secondary sources - Interpreting historical evidence - bias - Investigating how past events have shaped Scottish society - Sequencing past events (timelines) - Discussing why people from the past were important
Technologies: Digital Skills - Developing use of key Office apps including PowerPoint, Word and OneNote - Confident use of assistive technologies including immersive reader, dictation and reading accelerators - Email Writing (layout and email etiquette) Textiles: - Needle and thread skills - "Make do and mend"	Expressive Arts: Art - understand 3D form and techniques - use knowledge of proportion to draw familiar things - select and combine different materials to create collages Dance - Scottish Country Dancing Drama: - Different conventions as part of our WWII topic and linked to our class novel 'Wonder' (e.g. role play, corridor of thought, still image etc.)

RME: - Origins of Remembrance Sunday - Understanding moral rights and responsibilities - Non-religious festivals at Christmas - Commercialisation of Christmas (using TV advertisements)	Outdoor Learning: - <i>This will take place every Wednesday afternoon.</i> - Focusing on energy including energy types, how it is used and renewable and non-renewable energies - Leading P1 buddies in outdoor learning experiences - Weeding and planting on the school allotment
Social Studies (Democracy) - Principles of Democracy - Democratic and Non-Democratic Countries - Key Political parties - Role of Governments, MPs and MSPs - Features of Elections - Reserved and Devolved powers	

Other Key Information:

PE: PE will take place on a Monday and a Wednesday. The children are expected to bring, and take home, their PE kit to school on these days. They should not wear items such as crop tops and 'short' shorts and they should bring a change of shoes when appropriate.

Hygiene: I am gently encouraging the P7s to focus on their personal hygiene as we don't want the classroom to have a 'fusty' smell. Your help with this would be much appreciated. We are more than happy for children to be bringing roll-ons to school – especially on PE days. Please can I ask that no aerosols are brought in to school.

Homework: Homework will return from 31st August. This will consist of a weekly numeracy task using SumDog where the questions will focus on what we are covering in class. There will also be a literacy task which is to be completed over a 4-week period. Further information about this will follow.

Learning Journals:



We use a reporting tool called Learning Journals. Between now and Christmas I'll be posting a Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing observation. I'd really appreciate it if you could use the 'Like' or 'Comment' buttons when you receive these. There is also an app called 'Learning Journal ParentZone' you may wish to download – as this avoids having to sign in every time!

iPads: iPads should be brought to school with at least 60% each day. Those who continue to bring iPads to school with no/limited charged will have to keep them in school.

Uniform: The Primary 7s have returned looking very smart in their hoodies and we are keen for this to continue. Wearing uniform not only looks better but also adds to the team ethic that we are trying to build in P7. If you are struggling with uniform, please contact us at the school and we will be able to help.

Trips: School trips and events are very frequent in P7! We are aware of the large cost of P7 Camp therefore we try to reduce as many costs as we can – as well as giving you advanced warning. Here are the current planned trips/activities before Christmas:

Trip:	Date:	Cost?
Scottish Parliament	Thursday 5 th November	Free with a Bus Pass
Risk Factory	TBC	£2 to cover coach
P7 Family Ceilidh (TBC)	Thursday 26 th November	Free

I think that's all the information you'll need just now! If you have any questions, I am only an email away.

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