



Primary 7 Newsletter



LITERACY

Reading

As part of our Literacy this term we will be focusing on Literature Circles. This involves the children setting and completing their own reading homework. Can we please ask that you ensure this is completed as all tasks require this to be done. We would also encourage you to listen to your child read aloud whenever possible. We will be analysing the novels in greater detail and looking at various comprehension strategies throughout the term. During our writing over the coming weeks we will be focussing on Suspense writing. We will be creating characters, visualising settings and using a variety of techniques to build suspense including personification, similes, metaphors, alliteration and descriptive phrases.

NUMERACY

Over the coming weeks we will be focusing on division, the inverse operation of multiplication and data handling. Following this, we will move onto fractions, decimals and percentages.

We will be learning to divide using a 2 digit divisor and using decimal remainders. Please ensure that children continue to practise their time tables as this is extremely important.

Here are some useful website that children can use to practise: [Http://www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) and <http://www.timestables.co.uk>

We are continuing to complete weekly 9 challenges which encourage the children to continuously revisit the basic concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This term we will also be competing in the Hamilton Grammar Maths Challenge with a date to be confirmed. Mr Brown is really looking forward to visiting us. The standards are high!

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This term we will be focussing on hockey, squash and general health and fitness. The children have already completed two weeks of hockey training and we are extremely impressed with their commitment and competitiveness! Scottish Squash are currently visiting us every Thursday to lead a Squash lesson for the children. They are thoroughly enjoying this so far! In class, we are focussing on building resilience this term within this we will be exploring kindness, empathy, impulse control, flexible thinking, and optimism and linking all of these to social media.

TOPIC

Our topic this term is 'Polar Regions'. Through this topic, we will compare the Polar Regions to Scotland. We will be looking at the geography, examining the population, land use, climate and jobs in both the Polar Regions and Scotland.

We will further enhance our music, art and drama skills through exploring our topic.

USEFUL TIPS & WEBSITES

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/>

<http://www.timestables.co.uk>