



Primary 7 Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

We are all looking forward to the first term in the top area and I know your children all have an exciting time in front of them.

We have worked hard over the summer to create an engaging learning environment in the area and I am sure your children will have a successful year.

Miss Brodie

Primary 7

I am really impressed with the start Primary 7's have made this session. It is great to see so many good roles models, setting the example through their uniform choices, attitude and enthusiasm for learning. All of the leadership roles across the school have now been established. Well done to all those involved and each P7 is now a part of one the following teams: House Captain, JRSO, Eco, Learning Council, prefects or Website Team. It's been great to see the pupils wearing their badges with pride!

This is an important year for P7 as we are trying our best as a team to prepare for S1. It is also important, however, to remember to enjoy this year as it is the last for primary school. We have a lot of work to do and need to work together. I appreciate all of your support at home in helping prepare your child for secondary school.

Literacy

During Term 1 we will undertake a novel study (Wolf Brother). This will be used as the main reading resource in the classroom.

Within Reading there will also be a focus reading and discussing and reading analytically. We will use our novel study to develop our vocabulary and look at strategies for identifying the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Our main focus within writing will be imaginative writing. We will use the techniques and feature of fairy tales to help the pupils plan and create their own stories. We will also look at ways of creating alternative fairy tales. To tie in with our novel study pupils will also look at creating posters and leaflets to advertise and inform.

We are lucky to have Mrs Wright, from Beeslack High School, working with us again this year. All pupils will get the opportunity to work with her in small groups. The focus for the work will be spelling and vocabulary.

Maths / Numeracy

During the first term our main Numeracy focus will be Number Word Sequences and Numerals.

Within Maths we will be looking at Patterns and Relationships.

We will also be continuing to undertake The Daily 4 to ensure the pupils are becoming secure when using mental strategies for the basic 4 operations. Pupils will be encouraged to verbalise and share the strategies they are using.

As with Literacy we have Ms McGuire working with us from Beeslack High School. Again pupils will get to work with her at some point during the year. This is a great opportunity for the pupils to get to know a teacher from the High School whilst also gaining an understanding of what is expected of them when they begin S1.

Junior Tour Guides

Our new season of tour guiding is well underway and P7's are enjoying their weekly workshops and practices at the Chapel. Visiting Craigmillar Castle gave them a great start! Well done to all those pupils who have been practicing their lines. We look forward to welcoming some of you on our launch days on either Wednesday 5th (group A) or Thursday 6th (group B) October

H&WB

P.E. will be on a **Tuesday** and a **Wednesday**.

Please can you ensure your child brings a **change of top and trousers / shorts** on these days. Can you also make sure they have a pair of **indoor shoes** to change into each day.

Homework

Homework will start after the September weekend and will include Numeracy and Literacy homework. Homework will be issued on a Monday to be returned on a Friday.

Numeracy homework will include opportunities for the pupils to continue to develop their mental strategies for the Daily 4 focussing on basic numeracy skills, and also work that will allow them to consolidate learning that has been taking place in the classroom. Literacy homework will involve spelling and vocabulary work. On occasion there may also be ad hoc project work. Pupils working with our teachers from the High School may also receive additional homework.