

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. As I have said to the class, we are now in the year that they move on to high school so we've got a lot of exciting learning opportunities ahead of us.

We are looking for our P7s to continue being good role models across the school but also in the classroom where they take responsibility for their own learning in order to best prepare for S1.

Miss Brodie

### Learning Across the Curriculum

This term Primary 7 will be learning about some Scottish history. The aim of the work will be to show how some of the challenges and problems within today's society have been shaped by attitudes throughout history. Areas we will cover will include: Slavery, Forced Movement of People and Scottish Identity and Diversity. Within this work pupils will learn about different types of sources and how to interrogate them to decide how reliable a source is.

### Literacy

Within writing we will continue to look at Imaginative Writing. Our focus this term however will be different story types.

We will spend time exploring features of the different types of stories and pupils will have opportunities to write their own versions. Within this we will also look at different ways of planning to help the pupils find a format that works best for them.

Our reading skills this term will focus on being able to identify facts and opinions to help inform us about the purpose of a text and its usefulness as a source of information. These skills will tie in nicely with some of our Social Studies work.

### Maths / Numeracy

We have begun this term looking at addition and subtraction. We will be learning about how to make approximate mental calculations by rounding numbers. Within this work we will also look at how this links in to a real life context with work on budgeting and estimating spending.

Time will also be spent ensuring pupils are able to successfully use written methods to help them calculate exact answers. Our Maths topic this term will see us looking at different areas within shape e.g. angles, symmetry and transformation.

### Junior Tour Guides

All dates are now fully booked for our Junior Tour Guides until the end of term.

Schools across Midlothian have heard about the wonderful performances and are keen to see it for themselves. Information will be sent to you later in the term regarding our final evening performance for families.

### 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 be issued on a Monday to be returned on a Friday. Homework will continue to include Daily 4, Spelling words, a Numeracy task and a Literacy task.

During the term some homework may also be shared with the pupils on Glow. Glow is an online platform that pupils have had some training around where they have the ability to access and share documents with one another.