

Primary 7 – 2017/18

August 2017

WELCOME BACK!

I cannot believe that you are all now in your final year at Loanhead Primary School, I am very excited to teach you in this final year which will be a lot of fun but also a lot of hard work.

Music – Monday
P.E – Tuesday and
Thursday (TBC)

**Please note that a FULL PE KIT should be kept in school and roll on deodorants only – no aerosols.*

Miss Cumming

•Miss Cumming, a third year student, will be working in our class until February. She is really excited to work with you.

Week 1 will be about discussing responsibilities of Primary 7. We will begin to look at House Captain speeches and various roles that P7s have opportunities to have.

-We will be doing research on learning spaces and reading a whole class novel.

- There will be opportunities to work in groups and also time for individual research.

- We will reflect and set SMART goals to prepare for the year ahead!

-We will decide on our Class Charter.

On your marks.....

Our Learning Space

Some of you may be aware that I have taken part in research about inspiring learning spaces which involved months of planning and research from last years' P7 – moving away from “how we always do it.”. I very much believe in the ethos of flexible seating and learning zones and over the next few weeks you will be learning a bit more about the theory, psychology and research that has inspired the learning space and will be invited to find your own optimum learning preferences, ask questions and make suggestions. You will explore floor learning, standing learning and various furniture styles in our environment so you will have a better understanding of how you learn best and make more positive choices about your learning. I am sure that by then you will be so excited to share your space with parents at MEET THE TEACHER on AUGUST 30TH.

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Homework.

In line with guidance from the High Schools, I recommend that you have a homework diary. Brief outlines of homework will be on the website but you will be expected to independently note down the expectations, due dates etc.

-You **MUST** take ownership for your home learning, which includes time management, to prepare yourselves for the years ahead.

-Homework should be completed fully and must be presented in the same way that you would class work.

-Reading every night is an expectation – this may be reading for enjoyment or assigned work.

-If absent, you should check the homework board for work missed.

-Homework will usually be given on a Monday unless work was not completed in class time and then it will be sent home that night.

-Homework will begin in week 2.

BE PREPARED!

Organisation is the key! Please ensure that you come to school ready to learn – all books needed, homework diary, 1 pencil case (with pencils, highlighters, protractor, rubber, sharpener, ruler etc.) PE Kit, water bottle (with water),

Newsletters will be out every month and contain up to date school diary information.

A snapshot of learning...

- We will be learning French in P7 with a taster of BSL
- There are many exciting topics coming up and it would be a shame to spoil the surprise....
- STEM will be a focus for part of the year.
- In numeracy and maths we will do some revision from P6 initially and do some data handling and problem solving.
- We will be doing some personal writing and agreeing rules for presentation.