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Primary 7 Newsletter
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Welcome Back to P7 from Mr Johanson!

I hope everyone had a lovely October break. It has been a pleasure teaching P7 so far this year. Their dedication, hard work and positive ethos has allowed us to make great strides forward which I am confident will continue this term.

Positive Behaviour/Home-School Communication

In P7 we are using a behaviour chart. Pupils will get moved up the chart for following the class rules, approaching learning positively and being helpful. I work hard to continually give positive reinforcement and support an ethos of aspiration. If a pupil gets to the top of the chart I will ask them at the end of the day what is they think they did so brilliantly.

If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. If possible, phone the school office to arrange a call back.

IDL Topic: World War 2

P7 have been excited to begin learning about WW2. So far we have learnt about the end of WW1, the rise of Hitler, appeasement and the start of WW2.

We had a Remembrance themed week which the P7s thoroughly enjoyed! We were inspired by so many stories of sacrifice and bravery. The story of Waverly Bernard Woodson Jr. on D-Day was our main focus of learning. Please do have a look on Seesaw to read their incredible writing from his perspective retelling his experiences of D-Day.

Other WW2 topics we will learn about include:

- The Blitz
- The Holocaust
- Being an Evacuee
- Important Battles from WW2
- The End of WW2

Homework

Homework will be set out on a grid covering Literacy, Numeracy and IDL Topic. Homework will be posted on seesaw. The Homework block for Term 2 will begin on the week beginning 19th November.

Parent Consultations

Thank you for the engagement and support given during our Parent Consultations. If you weren't able to answer feel free to get in touch – I am more than happy to give an update on progress, attainment and achievement at an arranged time.

Numeracy & Maths

Our Numeracy and Maths areas of learning are as follows:

- Number Structure (Monday) - place value to 9-digits
- Maths (Monday) - building 3D shapes
- Multiplication and Division (Tuesday) - dividing using the bus stop method
- Algebraic Thinking (Wednesday) - solving 2-step equations
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (Thursday) - equivalent fractions
- Addition and Subtraction (Friday) - visualising subtraction problems

Seesaw / Digital Technology

If you require a login code for Seesaw for either you or your child please do let me know. P7 are posting their work regularly on Seesaw. We use Chromebooks for learning across the curriculum and specific digital literacy skills are taught. The P7s are very confident with using Google Classroom.

Book Week Scotland / Strictly Mayfield (Children in Need)

For Book Week Scotland we used Ghostbusters as our inspiration. On the Monday we read a picture book adaption of the 1984 original movie. For STEM we created our own proton packs using recycled materials. For Writing we created our own Ghostbusters stories.

To celebrate Children in Need we had a whole school dance competition. P7s had an amazing time learning the Ghostbusters Just Chance. The judges enjoyed P7s performance. We even used our proton packs as part of our Ghostbusters costume!

PE/HWB with Mr Peacock and Outdoor Learning

Mr Peacock teaches P7 on a Friday. He teaches P7 PE and HWB. Due to current guidelines we are unable to provide changing facilities at this time. Learners can come dressed for PE on a Friday if they want to do so.

Outdoor Learning

To enhance learning experiences and provide a wider range of activities, I try to facilitate Outdoor Learning opportunities wherever possible (weather permitting). Please ensure your child comes with appropriate clothing to support with this.

Class Novel

We are currently reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll as our class novel. Feel free to read along at home with your child. This is a wonderful way to support their learning. I am sure you will enjoy this brilliant book! If you would like a copy for home let me know.

Christmas

It has been confirmed that P7 will be having a Christmas lunch in the dining hall. Unlike last year, there will also be a Christmas party across more than one class. Lots to look forward to!