



Welcome to Primary 7



2017 - 2018

This year will be an exciting and busy final year for your child, including the much anticipated residential trip to Inverclyde in October. Primary 7 will have many exciting opportunities during the session, starting with the House Captain Elections, a visit from the Scottish Parliament, participating in the Award of Ambition, organising the MacMillan coffee morning and many more throughout the year. This flyer will outline what and how we will be learning in P7 throughout the session. If any parents feel they have a particular skill or talent to support what we are learning, we would love to have you in class to share this with pupils.

Towards the end of the session each child will be involved in transition activities in preparation for attending Marr College. You will receive information about transition as the session develops. In preparation for secondary school and getting familiar with having different teachers, the class will have Mr Sturdy on Mondays and Tuesdays, Miss McBean for PE on a Monday and Mrs Lockie on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Numeracy



Pupils will begin this term exploring place value, negative numbers, and symmetry with other aspects of number being covered throughout the session. This can be referred to in our Maths Pathway in pupil profiles.

Children will experience daily **Big Maths** and **Number Talks** sessions to build on their knowledge and application of mental maths strategies. Pupils will be encouraged to apply their learning of mental maths strategies in word problems and to explore the language of mathematics in real life problem solving. Pupils will be expected to practise quick recall of multiplication facts at home as well as in school to ensure a secure knowledge of these facts to aid work in class.



Writing - In the North Lanarkshire Literacy programme there is always a narrative element to writing in each term. Other genres will be covered during topic, for example, persuasion might be covered through our Democracy and Renewable Energy topics or poetry through Scots Language. Our whole class writing time is Wednesday morning. You will have the opportunity to see this work when jotters and Pupil Profiles come home in preparation for parents meetings.

Reading-The North Lanarkshire Literacy programme also incorporates reading. Building on prior learning in Primary 6, pupils will continue to consolidate their skills by using and applying the reading strategies (prior knowledge, metalinguistics, inference, visualisation, main theme, paraphrasing and summary) in different contexts. The children will have the opportunity to experience fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama. Pupils will experience a range of class novels, novel studies, literature circles and the Literacy Transition Programme.

Listening and Talking - Pupils will develop their listening and talking skills in context, throughout their learning across the curriculum. We will have a focus on listening and talking during Scottish week where poems will be learned and performed in Scots language. Pupils will also be asked to prepare class presentations at certain points throughout the session.



Health and Wellbeing







The Health and Wellbeing of each pupil is paramount. Throughout the session, both in class and through the Assembly programme, children will explore aspects of social and emotional wellbeing through Creating Confident Kids. There is also a focus in class on team working and relationships, which will mostly be delivered by our Pupil support teacher, Mrs Nelson.

Pupils will have PE on Mondays with Miss McBean and PE kits can be stored in class to ensure they have their kit available. Kits can be taken home to be washed whenever required.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Pupils in Primary 7 will get to experience learning across different curricular areas through the following IDL topics:

Term 1	Term 2
Digital Learning with a focus on Respect Democracy Substance Misuse 	Energy Finance fortnight Christmas 
Term 3	Term 4
1 + 2 languages WWII 	Big Bang Theory Transition Expressive Arts Fortnight 



A weekly homework overview will be issued on a Monday for the whole week but work will be allocated for certain days. The expectation is for homework to be handed in on Friday mornings, however, I am aware this can be difficult due to out of school clubs and activities so if there are any problems completing homework, please let me know through a note in your child's homework diary. Weekly homework will generally consist of reading, spelling and numeracy. IDL homework will be assigned once or twice per term however a timescale of longer than a week will be given for this.



Pupils will be reminded of their Glow log-in details at the beginning of the session. Please encourage your child to log-on and make use of this forum. Pupils will have access to our P7 Glow page where they are able to access information, weblinks and games to support their learning. Some extra homework challenges and a newsfeed for them to chat with others in their class about their learning will also be available.

Our class site will also give parents a chance to see what we have been learning in class through photos and documents. Along with this, information on teaching methods and strategies used in class will be provided for parents to help support pupils at home. The school Twitter page is also a helpful tool for parents to engage with to keep updated on learning taking place in the class and achievements throughout the school.



As always, we are setting the bar very high with pupil expectations. Children in P7 will be expected to demonstrate a high level of independence and responsibility. In class, the emphasis is on being the best they can be in all areas and I would ask parents to support this by encouraging your child to try their very best in class by working independently, taking responsibility for their learning and taking pride in their work.

Primary 7 is a very important year in the school as they are the most senior class. It is expected that pupils will take this role seriously and strive to set an excellent example for all younger children in the school.

At Struthers, we have an open door policy and if you have any queries or issues then please don't hesitate to get in touch. I will be available for informal chats most days after 3pm which can be arranged by writing a note to myself or calling the office to make an appointment.