

## Primary 7

### Session 2018 - 2019

Hello and welcome to Primary 7. I am Mrs Bloomer and I am delighted to be the Primary 7 teacher this year. This year will be an exciting and busy year for your child, starting with the House Captain Elections, MacMillan coffee morning and Inverclyde residential trip! This flyer will outline the curricular areas Primary 7 will be exploring throughout the session.

#### Literacy and English

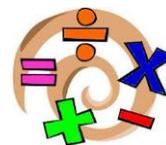


**Writing:** Our whole class writing will take place on a Thursday morning with planning and discussion taking place each Wednesday. Throughout the year we will be working on a range of genres which are usually covered by linking them to the IDL work carried out in class. For example, children may work on report writing during our STEM topic, or persuasion during our Democracy topic. This will ensure children are continuing to make progress in a variety of skills as well as revisiting skills which need further development.

**Reading:** In Primary 7 the North Lanarkshire Literacy Programme enables children to explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts during the course of the session. Pupils will continue to build on and consolidate their reading skills by using and applying the North Lanarkshire reading strategies (prior knowledge, metalinguistics, inference, visualisation, main theme, paraphrasing and summary) in a variety of contexts. Pupils will also be encouraged to read for enjoyment, both within the class and as part of their home learning tasks.



**Listen and Talking:** Pupils will develop their listening and talking skills throughout Primary 7. There will be a focus on listening and talking during Scottish week, where children will learn and perform poems in scots language. Pupils will also be asked to prepare class presentations and participate in debates throughout the year.



#### Numeracy

We will be covering a range of maths topics throughout Primary 7 which will continue to build upon prior knowledge. We will begin this term with place value, rounding, negative numbers, division and multiplication. Each day children will participate in *Big Maths* and *Number Talks* tasks which aim to deepen the children's mental number process skills. Children will also be encouraged to revisit and consolidate prior learning through a variety of classroom and home learning tasks.

#### Health and Wellbeing

Our Health and Wellbeing topics for Primary 7 will be Substance Misuse and Positive Steps. There will also be a focus on building self-confidence and resilience through our Growth Mindset mini topic. This will help prepare the children for their upcoming transition to Marr College.

Pupils will have PE on Monday's and PE kits can be stored in the class to ensure all children have their kit available. PE kits can be taken home to be washed when required.



#### High Expectations



In Primary 7 we are setting the bar very high. Children will be expected to demonstrate a high level of independence and responsibility throughout their learning. Children will continue to focus on taking pride in their work and celebrate the achievements they make. As the oldest year group, Primary 7 pupils will also be expected to be good role models within the school. It is important that Primary 7 pupils embrace this responsibility and ensure that they lead by example, by following the Struthers key values at all times.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

Pupils in Primary 7 will get to experience learning across a variety of curricular areas through the following IDL topics.

Term 1	Term 2
Inclusion Democracy Substance Misuse 	Energy Finance Fortnight Equal Rights Equal Respect 
Term 3	Term 4
1 + 2 Languages WWII 	STEM Project Transition Positive Steps 

## MacMillan coffee morning

This event will be held in the school on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. Primary 7 pupils will be responsible for planning and running this event. I'm sure you will agree that this is for a fantastic cause and we would very much appreciate your support if you can make it along on the day. We would also welcome any kind donations of cakes and if any parents are available to help at the coffee morning, please let me know.

## Home Learning



Homework will generally consist of a maths, spelling and language task. Occasionally, IDL homework will be given related to the class topic. Additional information will be provided at the relevant time. Homework will be issued on a Monday and should be returned on a Friday. If this does not work for you, please let me know and we can make alternative arrangements. I would appreciate your support with encouraging your child to complete their weekly homework as it will help to consolidate their learning from class.

If there is anything you would like to ask or if you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Struthers P.S. has an open door policy and you can arrange a meeting to speak with me in person through contacting the office or if you would prefer I can be contacted by phone on a Monday morning between 9:00am and 10:40am

Mrs Bloomer