

# HOW TO CONTACT US

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## SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST

- ☺ We have gym sessions on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Please ensure your child comes to school with an appropriate kit.
- ☺ In-service days: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.
- ☺ We are closed for our mid term break from **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** with pupils returning on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.
- ☺ 'Come Count with Me' **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**.
- ☺ **PARENTS EVENING - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.
- ☺ The last day of term is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**.
- ☺ This term we are fortunate to have Miss Mackay joining us for 6 weeks from 13<sup>th</sup> January

We welcome your comments.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name \_\_\_\_\_



## Curriculum News

Term: 2 January – April  
Class: Primary P7/6



### Literacy and English

#### **Reading**

*A main focus this term will be on reading non-fiction books. Children will participate in a range of activities that will continue to develop their reading strategies. Pupils will engage in linked writing tasks based on their reading.*

#### **Writing**

*This term, we will focus on creating persuasive and discursive texts. Where possible these will link to our IDL work and relevant real-life contexts. Throughout all writing activities, we will be exploring the effective use of VCOP as a way of improving our work.*

#### **Talking and Listening**

*These skills are promoted through all curricular areas in a range of activities including presentations, debates and discussions.*

### Mathematics

*This term, we will be focussing on the following areas:*

- Developing mental maths and problem solving skills using Barvember
- A specific focus on word problems
- Money
- Time
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

### Social Studies

*We will be exploring Scottish culture and diversity before learning about WW2 with a focus on the Home front.*

#### **Digital Literacy & Computing Science**

- Animation
- Multimedia Manipulation
- Regular access to iPads in class to enhance research skills

### **Health & Wellbeing**

**PE** *This term, we will focus on gymnastics and racquet skills. Throughout all PE lessons, we will continue to develop effective team work and communication skills.*

*Please ensure appropriate gym kit is worn: a change of shoes, t-shirt and shorts. Please note that long hair should be tied back and jewellery must be removed. Tights are not considered appropriate clothing for PE lessons.*

### **Health & Wellbeing**

*We will explore food and health with specific focus on food hygiene and basic cooking skills as we prepare a number of dishes including those that would feature at a Burns Supper.*

*Children will also be talking about anxiety and the coping strategies that we can use.*

### **Expressive Arts**

#### **Drama**

*This term, we will develop our drama skills using puppets as a means of conveying a story to an audience. We are looking forward to performing in front of other classes.*

#### **Art and Design with Mrs McQueen**

*Primary 7/6 will be exploring perspective, sculpture and 3D construction by modelling, impressing etc. within seasonal and topic related contexts.*

#### **Music**

*Some children will continue to participate in weekly drumming sessions with a professional drummer. Our knowledge of rhythm, beat and pace will be developed through a bucket drumming programme.*

*We will also listen to and discuss a number of Scottish songs.*

### **Religious & Moral Education with Mrs McQueen**

*In R.E. Primary 7/6 will be exploring Buddhism. They will learn about various stories about Buddha and the values and beliefs.*

### **Science**

*Our initial focus this term will be on forces before moving on to explore vibrations and waves. Children will participate in a range of practical experiments.*

### **Modern languages**

*We will focus on vocabulary related to personal description with the aim of writing short pieces about ourselves.*

### **Homework**

*Homework will usually be issued on a Tuesday or Wednesday to be returned the following Monday.*

**Homework will typically consist of:**

*Spelling words*

*Maths task set on Sumdog.*

*Reading homework will be given using the novel we are studying in class. As your child will participate in tasks relating to the pages read, it is **extremely** important that reading is completed on time.*

*Other homework tasks will be assigned throughout the term including individual presentations and topic tasks. Pupils have been asked to revise times tables. ICT games can be a great resource to motivate with this, Hit the Button or Daily Ten in TopMarks works well.*



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