

PRIMARY 7 CLASS NEWSLETTER – TERM 1 2023-2024

HERMITAGE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

In **LITERACY** this term we are learning –

- New spelling rules each week following the spelling progressions.
- We will be focusing on persuasive writing in preparation for the House Captain elections.
- Application forms for pupil leadership roles across the school.
- Reading for understanding and fluency using Blooms questioning.
- We will engage in a range of literacy activities based on our class novel.

In **NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS** this term we are learning –

- ‘Hermie Counts’ mental maths focus will be to count forwards and backwards in a range of steps using fractions and decimals.
- We will learn about Shape, Position and Movement with a focus on Tessellation and angles within shapes.
- Developing problem solving strategies and explaining our thinking.
- Using a range of mental arithmetic strategies to solve operations.



In **HEALTH AND WELLBEING** we are learning:

- In PE our focus for this term is invasion games. We will have PE on a WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY with Mrs Leggatt. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school.
- As part of our Building Resilience programme, we will be learning to ‘Take a Moment’. We will discuss coping with ups and downs and strategies to support us.
- Team-building activities to create a positive working ethos within our new classes.
- Jessica Chapman is our Leith Cluster transition teacher, and she’ll be visiting P7 weekly to prepare them for the transition to High School.

Our **TOPICS** are Democracy and Mock Court.

- We are doing a short project on the Scottish Parliament and democracy during our House Captain campaigns.
- This year P7s will be taking part in an interdisciplinary topic using a specially designed court case scenario. The topic will involve research and preparation to prepare a case and then to compete against other schools to argue the case in front of a real judge.

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OTHER LEARNING and WIDER SCHOOL LIFE.

- We will continue to develop our French and Spanish language in line with the 1+2 policy.
- P7 will get music with Mr Craighead every Wednesday morning.
- P7 House Captain speeches are on the Friday the 1st of September, followed by elections on Monday the 4th of September.
- P7s will have the opportunity to take on responsibilities throughout the school.
- Empowered Learning – all P6s and P7s will shortly have access to their 1-1 devices.

OTHER NEWS and REMINDERS

- Home Learning expectations will be communicated within the next few weeks.
- Please send your child to school with a water bottle.
- Please ensure your child’s clothes and new hoodies (when they arrive) are clearly labelled.
- ‘Meet the Teacher’ event on the evening of Thursday 14th September.
- We are closed on Monday 18th September.

Ms Ziemons and Miss Crawford