



Primary 7 Newsletter

October 2020



Primary 7 are settling in well in their return to school and they have adapted to the current changes.

The pupils enjoyed taking part in Bikeability over the past few weeks and many have learned to ride a bike for the first time or improved their biking skills. They have been working hard to fill their rewards jar with marbles to earn a Hallowe'en party this Friday. Fingers crossed they keep up the good work!

P.E.

Since Bikeability training has finished, some of the P7s are keen to lead PE sessions.

As part of P7 responsibilities, those that are interested will be supported to plan and deliver these lessons, focusing on the key skills necessary for sports and physical fitness.



Sustainable Development Goals

Primary 7 are in the process of Learning about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We will select and focus on the goal best suited to our class. Interests so far have been Gender Equality, Climate Action and Life on Land.



Homework - issued on a Wednesday and normally due on a Tuesday. We are now up to date with our digital platform for homework. There has been some guidance sent out to parents regarding what will be expected from P7 each week. This guidance is also available in each individual's Class Notebook, accessible through Teams or OneNote.

Spelling - Assessments are conducted on a Tuesday. Spelling words come home on a small sheet of paper inside homework diaries so that spelling homework can be completed should anyone experience technical difficulties. In the event of technical difficulties, spelling homework can be returned on paper.

Reading - At present, we are using Bug Club for reading. We will soon be starting literature circles in which each group will select a novel. This will come home to be read as homework and returned the following week. As per COVID guidance, books, homework diaries and spelling lists should be isolated for 24 hours before being taken out of bags.

Numeracy - We are using Maths Factor for numeracy homework. This can be accessed through the same log in details used to access Bug Club.

Diaries - A parental signature is required in homework diaries each week. This is to ensure that parents are aware of the homework being issued. If there are any problems with accessing homework, please email the school or write a short note inside the diary detailing the issues. This will allow us to rectify the problem where possible.



Primary 7 Responsibilities

Each year, Primary 7s would have been given responsibilities such as time with their P1 buddy or being a Family Leader. Due to COVID-19, many of these things can no longer happen. Replacing this, after Halloween, Primary 7 will join a class committee in which they will take on a responsibility. Some examples of responsibilities are wellbeing representatives, PE leaders, pupil voice and eco committee. There will also be opportunities for learners to lead short lessons in areas that they have expertise, for example sharing information about their religion or language.



Topic

We have just concluded a science topic on Buoyancy in which Primary 7 explored mass and density and conducted various experiments to find out which objects were buoyant. We will shortly move on to our new Enterprise topic. The class will decide what sort of enterprise topic they would like to conduct - ideas so far have been creating a drama production, puppet show or film animation; creating and selling a product; or having a class competition to see which group's enterprise idea makes the most profit... watch this space for updates!