



This is the Primary 6 newsletter for August to December 2022. You will find lots of information about the learning which will be undertaken this term. I hope that you find the information useful and that it will help you to support your child's learning at home.



### **Literacy - Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing**

Primary 6A and 6B will be mixed for literacy during this term. During literacy lessons, we will be learning about different genres of writing (poetry, newspaper articles, reports and imaginative writing) focussing on description, punctuation and grammar to ensure all learners are capable of producing high quality writing. Learners will have the opportunity to read every day in class and will be encouraged to choose more sophisticated books that will challenge their reading ability. Additionally, they will be part of a guided reading group which will look at a book in more depth where we can discuss the tools for writing. We will also be focussing on our listening and talking skills ensuring all learners know how to actively listen and when it is appropriate to talk.

### **Maths**

As with literacy, maths and numeracy will also be mixed during this term. Learners will be using their number skills every day and will be focusing on knowledge of rounding, calculations to solve problems and exploring patterns and relationships in multiplication and division this term. Additionally, during our daily number focus, we will be looking at data analysis, shape (2d and 3d shape using Minecraft) and fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be using digital learning apps such as Sumdog to enhance their learning.

### **Empowered Learning**

Each learner in Primary 6 and 7 has been given their own iPad to help with their learning and digital literacy in school. We will be using the iPads throughout the curriculum to research, present and motivate learners to present and demonstrate their work using many different apps. Learners are asked to make sure they look after their iPads and are reminded of the school's contract and policy regarding them.

### **Health & Wellbeing**

P6A have their P.E. on Tuesday Morning and P6B on a Wednesday Morning. We are continuing to follow the school's Health and Wellbeing programme with this term focussing on Building Resilience. Furthermore, we will be discussing friendships (both online and offline) and how to create and keep friendships. We have discussed our values with the class and have agreed on a positive behaviour policy which includes keeping healthy. This means that will be do some exercise every day (Mile a day, dance).

**Other Areas** In Social Studies we are learning about Mary Queen of Scots using primary and secondary sources to research this historical moment (including possible trips.) In Science this term we will be learning about Light and Chemical Reactions as well as discussing some topical Scientific items. In Food and Health we are looking at current healthy eating messages and how to incorporate them into meal planning. In art, we are studying a different artists every week and taking inspiration from them to create our own piece. In Modern Languages, we are continuing to learn French this term. Please refer to your child's Learning Journal to see their progress and the activities that they have engaged in. <https://victoria.yourlearningjournals.co.uk>

### **Ethos & Wider Life of the School**

In Primary 6, we have agreed on a positive behaviour policy that will help us in class, the school and the local community.

**Achieving:** We always try our very best.

**Nurturing:** We are kind to everyone and are aware of others needs

**Community:** We can work well in a team by using our social skills

**Health:** We treat ourselves well by exercising and looking after our mental health

**Opportunity:** We take chances and are keen to try new things

**Respect:** We take care of resources and talk in a respectful manner

If you have any queries or concerns, or wish to celebrate a success, please do not hesitate to contact us

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