



Cornbank Primary School

where everyone works together to inspire learners
to be their best now and in the future

Happy New Year to all our learners and families! We are looking forward to an exciting term and the year ahead!

Primary 6/7 Term 2 Newsletter

Literacy

We are enjoying a novel study this term- '*The Boy at the Back of the Class*'. No reading will come home during this time as we focus on the different reading skills together. The children are enthusiastic about the topics and issues that the novel study is exploring.

In Writing, we are focussing on poetry skills in preparation to create some of our own Scots poems. We will then revisit functional writing in the form of leaflets before ending the term with a focus on imagined personal responses linked to our Ancient Greek topic.

We continue to practise spelling patterns each week and assess our progress in weekly dictations and tests.

Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy, we have two main topics, which are running alongside each other so that children can make links across different concepts.

The first is multiplication and division and the second is fractions, decimals and percentages. The children are enjoying the new games and challenges. Times tables practice is encouraged at home.

We will continue to work on our quick recall of number facts through our basic maths facts programme.

In maths, we will learn about data handling and time.

Interdisciplinary Learning

We start our New Year with a focus on *Scotland!* The children have chosen a famous Scot to research and the focus will be on how they have shaped Scottish society/history. Learners have come up with assessment criteria for their projects and we are supporting them to create PowerPoints or leaflets as well as a talk or interview. The class are looking forward to learning about the famous Scots when the children present to each other. We will also be learning a Scottish poem and some Scottish dances.

After the February break our IDL focus will move to the Ancient Greeks where we will learn about what life was like at that time and compare it to life now.

Health & Wellbeing

Our P.E. day this term will be a Wednesday with Mrs. Chatham until the February break and then we will switch to a Tuesday with Mrs. Murphy after the February break. We will be starting weekly hockey sessions with Eskvale hockey from Tues 31st Jan for 4 weeks. We will learn Scottish dances, badminton and basketball skills. Children will have the chance to try out for our basketball and hockey teams this term.

Please bring your PE kit into school for the term.

We will also be involving the children in circle times to consider and reflect on what qualities are essential for a compassionate and connected classroom.

Dates for Diaries

Tues 17th January - Athletics comp
Mon 23rd Jan - Scots Week
Thurs 9th Feb - Rotary Quiz
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th - February break
Wed 8th Mar - Basketball comp
Mon 13th Mar - Cornbank's Got Talent
Auditions this week
Thurs 16th Mar - P7 Risk Factory trip
Tue 21st Mar - Parent Consultations
Thurs 23rd Mar - Parents Consultations
Thurs 23rd Mar - Hockey comp
Mon 27th Mar - P6 Camp Meeting 6pm
Thurs 30th Mar - Cross Country comp

Thank you for all the support so far this year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with us through the school office or on Google Classroom.

Mrs. Chatham and Mrs. Murphy