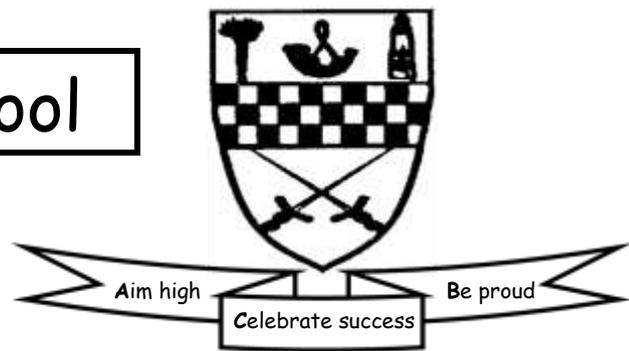


Mauricewood Primary School



The P7s have had a fantastic start to their final year of primary school and are looking very smart in their new red hoodies!

Literacy

We have started this year with a novel study called *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. We will be exploring language, themes and characterisation through this text. We will be beginning to write non-fiction persuasive texts using our Talk for Writing programme. We will link this to our topic on Who Represents Us and develop skills in listening and talking by holding debates and mock elections.

Following this we will be building on our non-fiction writing- skills through recounts and reports. We will link this to our topic on Natural Disasters.

Numeracy/Maths

We will start the term revisiting and consolidating learning in addition/ subtraction, multiplication/division and place value. We will have a primary focus on decimals, percentages and fractions and begin to learn about factors, multiples and primes. We will maintain and build on speed and accuracy in mental maths calculations through online challenges and assessments.

In Maths, we will be exploring time and measurement as a topic.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum

This term our topic will be Who Represents Us? We will be learning about the roles and powers of the Scottish Parliament, democracy and local, national and global elections. We will then move onto our topic on Natural Disasters which will cover volcanoes, hurricanes and tsunamis to name a few. We will also investigate the structure of the earth and plate tectonics.

In Art we will explore concepts of perspective and depth, with a particular focus on the '36 Views of Mount Fuji' artwork by Japanese artist, Hokusai.

In Modern Languages, we will continue to develop our learning in French with a particular focus on likes and dislikes. We are also very lucky to be joined by Macastory who will help us create a production about the history of Penicuik.

Health & Wellbeing

This term the children are very lucky to have PE with Mrs McKendrick twice a week. They will be developing their basketball and badminton skills.

In class, we are focussing on rights and responsibilities and our school rules of Be Safe, Be Ready and Be Respectful. We are pleased to say P7 will be participating in a five week mental health/emotional wellbeing programme called 'Headstrong'. This will promote a positive approach to mental health.

Other Information

Our PE days are a Monday and a Tuesday this term. Children should come to school dressed for PE.

Whilst we do a novel study in class, we will be sending home children's ERIC books (for enjoyment and choice). They should read this three times a week and log their pages on the Google Classroom. Spelling and other homework will be posted on our Google Classroom in due course.

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Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to a great year with Primary 7!

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