

Digital Learning/Seesaw

I will continue to use seesaw in P7 until the end of term. If you require seesaw login details (either for your child or yourself) please let me know. Seesaw is a brilliant resource to share learning and celebrate achievement. We are using Google Classroom on a regular basis across the curriculum to up level learners' digital skills in preparation for high school.

School Communication

If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. We are trying to minimize the chance of Covid-19 being spread in the playground at the start and end of the school day. Therefore, please arrange a phone call with me to deal with any issues rather than speaking in the playground. If I have any concerns about wellbeing or if there was an incident in the day that I think you should be aware of I will make a call. If you need to tell your child about where to go at the end of the day please phone the office. There is no guarantee I will see the message before the end of the day. If you have any questions or concerns please phone the school office to arrange a phone call with me. I do not feel comfortable addressing concerns over seesaw. Please do not post using your child's account. Their journal is intended to be a record of their development and achievement throughout the year. I would love if you commented and liked your child's work. Please use seesaw posts to discuss what your child has been learning about in school.

PE and Outdoor Learning

PE will take place on a Wednesday with Mr Cook. Due to current guidelines we are unable to provide changing facilities at this time. Learners can come dressed for PE on the days allocated above. Current guidelines recommend learners engage in Outdoor Learning opportunities wherever possible. Although the weather is improving, it would be helpful if your child has clothes appropriate for all circumstances in case of bad weather.

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Primary 7 Newsletter **May 2021**

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Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing Easter holiday. It has certainly been quite a challenging start to 2021! It was so lovely to have all our P7s returning to in-school learning. Everyone has been working exceptionally hard and I am ambitious for each and every one of our learners as we begin our final term before the summer holiday.

Transition

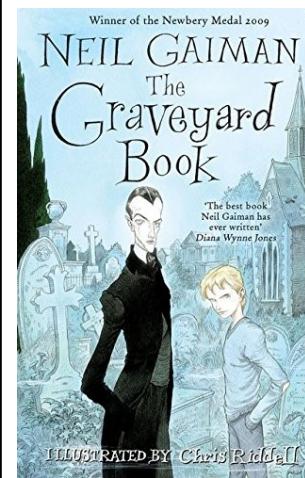
The transition to high school is a key focus for this final term. At present, staff from Newbattle High School are uploading activities to Google Classroom on a weekly basis looking at different aspects of being a high school pupil. We are awaiting further information on possible other transition supports from Newbattle. This will obviously depend on Covid-19 restrictions. Parents and families will be updated accordingly with details as and when arrangements are made.

In class we are having regular conversations discussing transition so that pupils are increasingly ready for the upcoming changes. A key theme for our Health & Wellbeing lessons this term will link to transition and cover key themes including:

- Articulate their hopes and ambitions.
- Identify some of the attitudes, behaviours and skills they might need to achieve their goals.
- Creating a pupil passport for moving up to high school.
- Explore aspects of challenge, opportunity and change through drama, creative writing and art.
- Gain insight into their own emotions and those of others.

Health and Wellbeing: Relationships and Sexual Health (Living and Growing)

A key focus this term will be on relationships and sexual health education. Many parents and families will have questions regarding what this will look like. There will be further communications regarding this to be sent out in the near future.



Class Novel: The Graveyard Book

P7s were given the choice of a class novel and voted for 'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman. This book has important Health and Wellbeing links to emotional health and changing circumstances. We will read a part everyday for enjoyment and then discuss in pairs or as a whole class. If you would like to read along at home with your child let me know because we have a few copies in our class library. Another suggestion for supporting your child's learning would be to read with them another book by the same author.

Reading

We cover a reading comprehension skill each week. There will be a big push this term to engage learners with reading for enjoyment at home. Pupils will each choose an Accelerated Reader (AR) novel to read for enjoyment. When they are finished they complete a short quiz on the book using AR.

Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy: Numeracy is taught daily. On Monday we focus on number structure and sequences. Tuesday we work on +/- . Wednesday we use x/÷ strategies. Thursdays we develop algebra skills. On Fridays we learn about fractions, decimals and percentages. Maths: Our termly focus in maths is measure and time.

IDL - Our Community - Digging Deep

For our final topic of P7 we will be exploring and celebrating our local community. Part of this will include researching our heritage as a mining community. Using a range of sources we will be exploring why Midlothian is a great place to grow and live in. If you have any expertise in terms of local history please get in touch. Pupils will be given opportunities to research their family's history.