



Carrick Knowe Primary School

Primary 7 Newsletter

Term 2: October - December



We cannot believe that we are in November already...! Ever since August, the children have done so well coping with all the changes that we've thrown at them and it's great to see them working so hard and just enjoying being back at school. The 'new normal' has just become 'the normal'.

As we head towards Christmas, there's plenty for us to be getting on with and this term we'll be reintroducing curriculum areas such as Social Studies and Technologies. The information below gives a brief overview of what your child will be learning in each of these curricular areas.

Please ensure that you keep an eye on our class blogs on the website as well as your child's Learning Journals throughout the term for more detailed updates of what is going on in the classroom!

<p>Literacy and Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing the use of VCOP within our writing - Persuasive writing (debates and speeches) - Imaginative writing - Class novel 'Holes' - Identifying and using Figurative Language (e.g. similes, metaphors...) - Discussion and analysis of texts/genres - Developing our Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) to help our understanding of texts - Using inference to predict meaning - Weekly Spelling Patterns 	<p>Numeracy and Maths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maths Games - Times Tables - BODMAS - Fractions, decimals, percentages - Negative numbers - Algebra - Data handling - Mental agility skills
<p>Health and Wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P.E. (invasion games) - SHANARRI - Growth Mindset (Creative Cameron) - Building resilience - Understand the UNCRC, Respect - Pupil Voice Group - Equality, inclusion and anti-bullying 	<p>Expressive Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual elements (line shape colour texture pattern) - Responding to music - thoughts and feelings of wartime songs
<p>Technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of Office 365 - Digital literacy including emails - Explore what is 'good' formatting - Manipulate texts and images using software such as Word/Keynote/Excel - Using search engines to find reliable information - Sewing 	<p>Social Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principles of democracy, key political parties - Role of governments, features of elections - Causes and effects of modern conflicts - Democracy around the world - Explore Conflicts Past and Present - Investigate sources of information and other historical evidence
<p>RME:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rights and Responsibilities - Remembrance Sunday - Christmas Story and figures - Developing how beliefs affect actions - Homelessness and loneliness at Christmas 	<p>Sciences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chemical Reactions

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Mr Brewer (P7A) & Mr Morrison (P7B)

Other Key Information:

PE: P7 will have PE on **Monday** and **Thursday**

From Monday 9th November, we will be able to have P.E. indoors again with certain restrictions - for example, there should be minimal use of equipment and this must be thoroughly cleaned after each use.

Children should still come to school on P.E. days with their P.E. kit on.

Guidance remains that outdoor space should be used if weather permits.

If the City of Edinburgh is placed in Tier 4, indoor P.E. will not be allowed, and we will revert to outdoor P.E. if weather permits.

As the weather gets colder and wetter, we suggest children come to school with an extra pair of shoes that they can change into in the classroom, if possible.

Golden Time: Golden Time will usually take place on a Friday morning

Homework: Homework will consist of a literacy task, online maths challenge (e.g. Education City or SumDog) and also reading for enjoyment. Homework can be completed in the green jotters handed out last term but should not be handed in.

If you wish to share your child's homework then you can do this using Learning Journals.