



Wrap up warm, and stay safe when you're out and about!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



Literacy and English

In Literacy, the Primary 7's will be focusing on comprehension skills and reading for understanding. We will use Theresa Beslins Divided City as a stimulus, and will link back to our anti-sectarian work last term.

We will be developing our use of the *Super Six* reading strategies, and higher ordering reading skills.

Writing lessons will further concentrate on up-leveling of vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation, linked to our personal Big Writing targets. We will be writing scary stories, fantasy stories and non-fiction reports.

Numeracy and mathematics

Primary 7 will continue to further their understanding of decimal numbers and of the four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) using decimal numbers. There will also be some work with percentages.

We will also be looking at compass directions, learning how to convert units of length (metres, centimetres, and millimetres), and working with volume.

Expressive arts

Art lessons will be linked to technology, and focus on group collage work and 3D sculptures.

Drama will be linked to our novel, Divided City, and we will explore themes around racism and sectarianism.

In Music, we will be exploring classical music. Music will also be delivered via the context of Christmas, and through our *Charanga* music scheme.

Health and wellbeing

This term, PE will focus on games and short tennis.

Reminder: Please remember to pack gym kits and water bottles for PE. Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Please note: As per Glasgow City Council policy, football strips, from **any** team, should not be worn at school.

P7 will continue to build on their initial success in peer-mediating.

Religious and moral education

The Christmas story will be studied this term. In addition, the children will begin their *Inspire-Aspire* topic, a personal project where pupils look at inspirational characters from today and in history. This study is linked to Social Studies and Health and Wellbeing.

Assemblies held by our DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

Science and Technology

P7 will use the ICT suite to develop their IT house-keeping. Each child will be given their own Glow login and will explore its uses and benefits.

P7/6 will be examining robotics and coding, and some pupils will be participating in the First Lego League competition.

We have also examined food technology, through our class trip to Lanark Agricultural Centre for a *taking the classroom to the countryside* day.



Dates for your diary:

23rd November: Winter Fair

12th and 14th December: Nativity performances

20th December: Christmas parties

20th Dec: School closes at 14:30

Thu 21st Dec – Wed 3rd Jan: Holiday

4th Jan: Start of Term 3