Dunard Primary School

Primary 7/6 Newsletter

Term Two

October - December

The nights are fair drawing in....



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, P7/6 will be using the *Super 6* reading strategies and higher order thinking skills to enhance understanding of a novel.

Primary 7 will be reading Theresa Breslin's *Divided City*, while Primary 6 will read a collection of short novels.

Our focus for writing this term will be poetry. We will uplevel our vocabulary and improve the structure and layout of our texts. We will also be working towards improving individual writing targets.

Numeracy and mathematics

Primary 7/6 will focus on fractions during this term. We will compare, order and simplify fractions, find equivalent fractions and find a fraction of an amount.

Primary 7 will extend this to convert fractions between decimals and percentages.

Continued work on multiplication and division will help to boost understanding of fractions.

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.

Dates for your diary:

23rd November: Winter Fair

12th and 14th December: Nativity performances

20th December: Christmas parties

Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus for Primary 7/6 will be games and basketball.

Reminder: Please remember to pack gym kits and water bottles for PE. Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday. It is essential that a change of clothes is brought.

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

Religious and moral education

The Christmas story will be studied this term.

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

Science and technologies

P7/6 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. Use and practice of SumDog will be incorporated into learning.

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

We will also be studying how hydropower has benefited the world, and creating innovative solutions to modern day problems. This will be undertaken with help from an engineering student from the University of Glasgow.

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

20th Dec: School closes at 14:30 Thu 21st Dec – Wed 3rd Jan: Holiday

4th Jan: Start of Term 3