

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

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Term Ahead Letter: Primary 7 - October to December

Dear Parent/Carer,

The table below outlines what we will be working on in Primary 7 this term.

Literacy and English

In Term 2, students will explore creating their own newspaper articles and instructional pieces related to our Bake Sales. They're also going to get creative with creating their own myth, seasonal poems and learn about figurative language to make their writing really pop!

For spelling, we'll be tackling prefixes like im-, in-, anti-, and co-, along with the "s" sound represented by "c" and a few common words.

Grammar lessons will help them understand parts of speech, as well as the correct use tenses. We'll also get some practice with narrative and direct speech to make their dialogue shine!





For reading, we'll be engaging with our new class novel, Kensuke's Kingdom, through independent and group tasks that help enhance curiosity, comprehension, and inference skills. We will also dive into myths from around the world, comparing them and discussing what makes each unique.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This term is packed with fundraising efforts and festive activities, focusing on our enterprise initiatives complemented by exciting STEM projects linked to Sciences and Technologies.

STEM: Students will engage in various activities, including creating flood garden rafts, producing a Hurricane Warning video, and designing a Sustainable Home of the Future.

Christmas Enterprise/Bake Sales: Our efforts will include Halloween baking in school, with students advertising their creations through posters, leaflets, and videos. They will also have opportunities to make Christmas decorations, calendars, and props for our café.

H&W and **RSHP**: We will cover essential topics such as consent and understanding that my body is mine, as well as being smart online and recognizing physical and sexual abuse. We'll address feelings of sadness or worry and discuss resources like NSPCC's "Speak Out, Stay Safe," along with starting the Building Resilience Programme in Unit 1.

Modern Languages: Pupils will learn greetings, food and drinks, colours, and numbers, benefiting from a new Mandarin teacher every Thursday.

Highschool Virtual Lessons: We will coordinate seven virtual lessons with high school teachers to enhance students' learning experiences and aid in building their transition to high school.

Numeracy and Mathematics

We will continue our exploration of division and multiplication, where students will progress to tackling multi-step problems that incorporate all four operations. We will be utilizing engaging resources such as White Rose Maths and Sumdog to enhance their learning experience.

Following this, we will delve into the world of fractions. Students will learn about mixed numbers, equivalent fractions, and how to simplify them. They will also practice



comparing and ordering fractions based on their numerators and denominators, as well as calculating fractions of various amounts, which will help solidify their understanding of this important concept.



To make our learning even more relevant, we will integrate money concepts that tie into our upcoming bake sales during Halloween and Christmas. This will

provide an excellent opportunity for students to practice calculating profit and loss, as well as performing various money calculations using all four operations.

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P.E: It will take place on Mondays with Mr Murray. P7B will be having PE in the morning, while P7A in the afternoon.



Outdoor Learning: We will continue weekly outdoor learning sessions **every Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers.

Homework: We are providing an optional home learning wall that further support the learning that is taking place in class.

Important Dates - It's getting busy!

- Football Transition Event THS 27TH Oct.
- P7 Halloween Bake Sale Fundraiser: Thursday 30th Oct.
- Modern Art Gallery Trip: Tuesday 4th Nov.
- Jupiter Artland Trip: Wednesday 19th Nov.
- P7 Christmas Café Fundraiser: Thursday 11th Dec.
- Christmas Concerts: 15th and 16th Dec.

For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code below.

https://padlet.com/BalgreenP/balgreen-primary-2025-26-fgd6lut82eah0qdy



If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Yours sincerely,

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