



Welcome back, this is the final term for Primary 7 pupils. We have a very busy term ahead with a number of memorable events as well as a great deal of work to ensure a smooth transition to high school. As mentioned, this is a busy time, so throughout the term we will keep pupils and families informed of important dates regularly.

Numeracy

This term Primary 7 will be exploring Money and Algebra. As well as this we will continue to focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to develop both mental and written strategies.

To support class teaching of numeracy skills please encourage your child to use mathematical language at home. Here are some examples:

Partitioning - Breaking up a number into its place value to make a calculation easier to complete. E.g. $36+84=(30+80)+(6+4)$

Inverse - Trying to find a missing value you can use the values you do have to solve a calculation. E.g. $36+\dots=120$ ($120-36 = 84$)

Number Lines - Use a line to 'chunk up' a calculation.

There will be many more strategies taught to ensure pupils have a range of strategies to solve calculations.

As always, pupils can independently access 'Sumdog', 'Education City' and 'Topmarks' which offer excellent interactive numeracy games. Please encourage your child to make regular use of these free resources.

Literacy

Primary 7 will be using their literacy skills to create a pupil profile. This profile will allow pupils to self-evaluate their skill across all curricular areas and to identify their next steps. The profile will be shared with their chosen high school as well as home.

We will continue to use BugClub as a home resource. Texts will be issued regularly for pupils to practise reading and to further develop their application of reading comprehension strategies.

We will continue to develop spelling using the Active Literacy programme.

The writing focus for Primary 7 this term will be instructional and report writing. Initially, over a three week block, pupils will develop their skills within the instructional genre by creating a detailed set of instructions about how to respond in an emergency situation.

In talking and listening, pupils will build on the good work they have done during the Francophonie project to further develop their presentation skills. Pupils will be asked to focus on projecting their voice, maintaining eye-contact, body language and the rules to create a good presentation. For example a beginning, middle and end.

HWB

Primary 7 will continue to develop skills which support social and emotional wellbeing. This term we will continue to focus on themes including developing and maintaining positive friendships, and positive decision making. This will support pupils as they begin to think about and discuss their fast approaching transition to High School.

Falkirk schools have a sexual health and relationships programme. This term each stage in the school will be teaching their appropriate set of lessons for their specific year group. More information about this will be provided by the school.

In P.E pupils will continue receive two sessions of P.E a week. This term Primary 7 will covering Fitness with their Specialist Teachers as well as.....with their Class Teachers.

Pupil Voice

Quotes from P7C

"I enjoyed our P.E lessons because they were fun. We learned how to play Rugby - it was fun when we played the games against each other, and it was exhausting. I enjoyed going up to the High School to play in the big gym hall." Katie

"I liked visiting the High School because it was fun. I got to meet other boys and girls from different schools. I was nervous about speaking in French but I was glad when it was finished and felt proud of myself." Kyle

"I enjoyed going to the High School for Francophonie because I got to meet other people and get over my fear of talking to new people. Now I feel more confident about going to High School." Chloe.

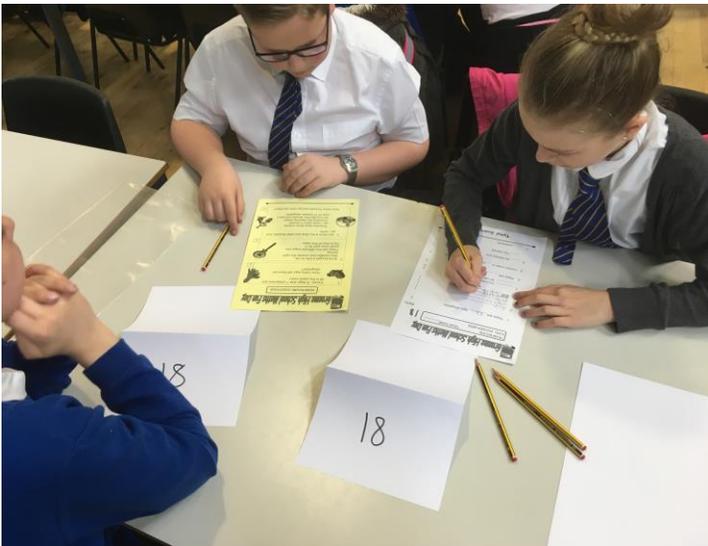
Quotes from P7M

"I really liked the Francophonie experience because we got to go to the High School and meet teachers and other pupils." Kieran

"I really liked taking part in the general knowledge test for the Rotary. I got a really good score!" Anthony

"I really liked the rugby work in the school and playing against other pupils was lots of fun and challenging." Emily-Anne

Monday	PE (7C&7M)
Tuesday	Mental Maths (7C)
Wednesday	Mental Maths (7M)
Thursday	
Friday	PE (7C&7M) Citizenship Groups Assembly



If you have any concerns or queries please feel free to get in touch. Appointments can be made through the school office. We hope this newsletter has given you a greater insight into your child's life at school and how you can best support them with their school routine.

Thanks for your support.

Mr Stewart & Miss Clark

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