

ETHOS AND LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

- Our values are: BEING KIND, BEING CREATIVE, TRYING OUR BEST and INCLUDING EVERYONE
- We encourage the children to follow our values by rewarding them with house points if we spot them doing this.
- Our House Captain elections will take place in the next few weeks. We will also set up our Pupil Groups: *Eco Schools*, *Rights Respecting Schools (Equalities)*, *JRSOs* and the *Agents for Change* - please let us know if you would like to be involved or could help.
- We have our weekly assembly on a Tuesday.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Please also tell us about any special achievements as we love to share these at assembly.
- Active Schools run a number of after school clubs for P1-7. The school office with this term's timetable will be sent out soon. Contact our Active Schools Coordinator Lorna Norman with any questions: lorna.norman@ea.edin.sch.uk
- Additional sport's sessions are offered by Inspire coaching.
- Contact John Crockett for information at jc@inspiresportscoaching.org.
- Let us know if you would be keen to run a club of any sort by emailing us: admin@longstone.edin.sch.uk

HOW YOU CAN HELP US?

- We have PE on a Monday and Friday of each week. There will be additional PE which may be on different days, and we will inform the children of these changes.
- On P.E. days your child should come to school in their P.E. kit with suitable shoes.
- Due to the weather and muddy conditions, we are asking, where possible, that you provide your child with a pair of indoor shoes that they can change into for the classroom.
- Outdoor Learning provision has not yet been finalised and we will provide updates in due course.



HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD?

Home Learning

Homework will be set in four-week blocks that fit to the format of each school term. This will be set on Tuesday and the homework for each individual week should be completed for the following Monday. A hard copy can be requested by any child who needs one. Work can be uploaded onto your child's personal channel at any point within the week.

We will acknowledge receipt of homework but, if a child needs to have feedback to help them to manage a particular task, this will be given to them directly.

If you have any issues with your Teams login, please email the office at admin@longstone.edin.sch.uk.

LITERACY

Literacy

Reading, Writing and Grammar– We are using Homer's Odessey as a focus across all aspects of literacy work using the theme of adventure. In **imaginative writing** we will be working on developing descriptions of characters and setting as key elements of story writing. Linking to our WWI topic, we will be focusing on the genres: **news reports and diaries**.

We will develop our skills in reading fluency and in comprehension and learn how to use notetaking and mind maps to produce summaries. Textual analysis activities will help us to develop our understanding of a text and our skills related to prediction, inference and widen our vocabulary.

We will study some poems from World War I and attempt to write our own.

Spelling– Spelling will be done daily, using our whole school spelling approach to consolidate vowel digraphs and spelling patterns. We will use different strategies to develop reading and writing of common words.

Primary 6

Term 1 2026-2027



Curriculum Information for Parents

Our Values: **KINDNESS TRYING OUR BEST CREATIVITY**

INCLUDING EVERYONE

INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING (IDL)

In Science we will be using electrical components to make a variety of circuits and representing my circuit using symbols. We will be learning to understand how batteries work and build simple chemical cells using readily available materials.

In Social Studies, we will be learning about World War I. This will include the outbreak of WWI, trench warfare, timeline of key events, enlistment and the war's impact on people at home. P6 will organise and present the Remembrance Assembly to the whole school in November.

NUMERACY

In Numeracy we will be building on our knowledge of place value and using these skills in calculations. We will improve our range of mental and written strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. We will continue to focus on speed and fluency of times tables recall. We will learn how to solve a range of mixed problems and single and multi-step word problems using the four operations. We will also be learning about rounding and how to estimate a number before completing a calculation. We will ensure that we can share and explain our working out to ourselves and others.

In Outer Maths we will be learning about lines of symmetry, investigating symmetrical shapes and creating our own. We will extend our knowledge of time, focussing on durations and timetable. We will study types of angles, measuring and drawing them and learning about compass points.

OTHER AREAS

RME – This term, we will be learning about Miracles and Prayer in different religions.

Art – We will be focusing on drawing, colour and tone and discussing the work of different famous artists.

Modern Languages – In French, we will revise prior learning of numbers, days, months, and seasons.

Music - this term we will be focusing on singing for our drama performance in December.

HEALTH

PE will usually be on Mondays and Fridays. The focuses for this term are Invasion games, and athletics. Merchiston pupils will be providing rugby input after the October break.

Firhill Sports Leaders will be delivering 5 weeks of handball from 03 September, and this will be on Thursdays. Later in the term they will deliver some sessions of Social Dance.