

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?

PE

We have P.E on Mondays and Thursdays. This can be indoor or outdoor depending on the weather. Please ensure your child is wearing the appropriate clothes and a separate pair of shoes.

Outdoor Learning

We are currently re-evaluating our outdoor learning programme and opportunities for P7. More information to follow on what day/s this will happen.

Names on clothing

Please ensure that you have put your child's name on all items of clothing as this helps us to reunite children with lost items, particularly their P7 hoodies.

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD?

Homework: start date to follow

Homework will be a mix throughout the year. In primary 7 we have a range of project-based homework tasks and traditional reading/writing and numeracy. This term they will have a 5-6 week project based on WWII creating an Anderson shelter.

Important P7 Dates this term:

Thursday 10th September – House Captain Elections

Thursday 8th October – Handball Festival at Firrhill

Wednesday 18th November – Art of Listening Trip

LITERACY

In **READING** we will be refining reading skills through identifying the main idea in texts and by answering and creating different types of questions using VIPERS (vocabulary, inference, predict, explanation, retrieval and summary) which are the key areas we feel children need to know and understand to improve their comprehension of texts

In **WRITING** we will apply persuasive techniques, including vocabulary that influences the audience, figurative language, rhetorical questions etc.

In **SPELLING & GRAMMAR** - we will be focusing on a different spelling pattern each week and revising our common words. We will use Nelson Grammar to support the teaching and learning of essential grammar concepts in Primary 7.

In **LISTENING & TALKING** we will have many opportunities to practise and develop oracy and presentation skills in class and the wider school environment (assemblies, house meetings etc).

Primary 7

Term 1 2026-2027



Curriculum Information for Parents

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

INCLUDING EVERYONE

INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING (IDL)

Primary 7 will take on a sustainability lead role, ensuring we are working towards understanding the Sustainable Development Goals within the school.

Through our topics we will learn...

EXPRESSIVE ARTS: we will be focussing on art techniques that reflect the artwork of Katsushika Hokusai and "The Great Wave". We will also focus on shading and toning and still life portraits.

TECHNOLOGY: continuing to develop digital skills. Learning to an create, develop and evaluate computing solutions in response to a design challenge.

NUMERACY

In **NUMERACY**, we will be extending our learning in place value, estimating and rounding, focusing on word problems in our number learning.

We will work on our mental math strategies focusing on our number bonds, doubles and near doubles and different addition and subtraction strategies.

In **OUTER NUMBER** we will be focusing on 2D and 3D Shape.

19th -27th Maths Week Scotland who are celebrating their 10th anniversary. – The theme is "Maths Matters".

OTHER AREAS

In **RME** we will be learning about aspects of sacrifice in different religions. We will also be studying some important events that have been motivated by religion.

In **ART** learners will use a range of pencil techniques to add detail and accuracy (e.g. a detailed eye drawing).

HEALTH

In **PE** the class will be starting a block of handball sessions with Firrhill Sports Leaders.

In addition to this we will be developing our teamwork skills through a series of invasion games including netball and volleyball