



A happy new year to all of P7B and their families. We kick off 2024 with brand new topics and lots of opportunities to deepen our confidence, independence and responsibility for our learning.

Literacy

Our novel study this term is *Goodnight Mister Tom*, a wonderful story for exploring our World War Two topic and developing our understanding and evaluating skills. Our main writing focus will be on creating sophisticated descriptions in narrative fiction and using figurative language in poetry. We will link reading, writing and talking and listening throughout our topic, and the children will have regular opportunities to present their learning.

Numeracy/Maths

This term we will develop our confidence in using decimals, ratios and percentages, and build on the excellent progress we made with fractions last term. We will continue to practise strategies for multiplying and dividing increasingly large numbers. We will explore the relationship between speed, distance and time and work on interpreting and using financial information. We will also develop our skills in solving problems with more than one step.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum.

We are studying World War Two as our main cross-curricular topic. The children's interests are shaping an engaging and thoughtful topic, bringing in history, geography, art, drama and technology. We will develop our critical thinking and research skills and conclude our learning with a historical inquiry. We will continue our French language learning to develop our linguistic and cultural awareness. We have RME taught by Mrs Pryde every week. Art, drama and music will be embedded throughout our topic.

Health & Wellbeing

We are learning about being resilient and following the school progression on resilience strategies. We continue to have regular circle time and opportunities to play and be social with our learning. We are also continuing our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) unit. In PE, the children are developing their agility, coordination and movement skills across diverse contexts, starting with Scottish dancing and indoor athletics. PE will be with Mrs Richard on Mondays and Mrs McKendrick on Tuesdays.

Other Information

Alongside our study of *Goodnight Mister Tom*, children will bring home a group reading book and summarise their reading every week in class. Fortnightly, children will have the option to bring their chromebooks home to complete a homework task linked to their learning. The task will be posted on the google classroom. Your support with homework is appreciated. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and a healthy snack every day. The P7 trip to the Risk Factory will take place on 6th March - more information to follow.

I look forward to supporting your child's learning throughout this term. Please keep an eye on Seesaw and the Google Classroom for news, updates and examples of work your child is particularly proud to share with you. Thank you, Mrs Richard.