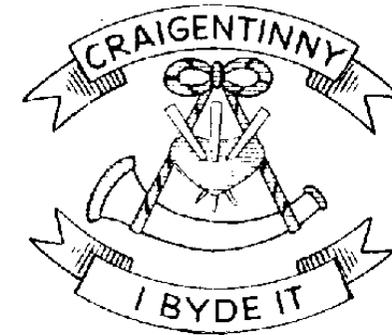


CRAIGENTINNY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Primary 7 Newsletter

	<p><u>Homework</u></p> <p>This session pupils will complete homework tasks from a homework wall. Pupils will be given a new homework wall each term where they can choose activities from maths, literacy and other curricular areas. Children should be encouraged to choose a variety of tasks from different curricular areas. Every Monday, pupils will be given the opportunity to share something that they have been working on with the class. The children will be expected to present completed tasks or discuss their ongoing progress.</p> <p>We will recommend useful websites and apps with the homework wall. Reading will be done in class, however the children may have unread pages to take home.</p> <p>Could you please ensure that your child is taking responsibility for the completion of a variety of tasks to a good standard. If your child is having difficulty completing set tasks, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher.</p>
	<p><u>How You Can Help</u></p> <p>Pupils should be encouraged to manage their time well when doing homework as it is good preparation for their transition to high school.</p> <p>Reading a wide variety of texts at home will help develop reading skills being taught in class.</p> <p>Pupils are welcome to borrow book from the school library. Continued times tables revision will help in all areas of maths.</p>



Ethos and wider life of the school

At Craigentiny Primary we work very hard to promote a caring and supportive ethos for all of our children and families. In school we focus on our six school values of honesty, equality, resilience, kindness, perseverance and respect. We encourage our pupils to think about these values in all areas of their lives. This session we will be continuing our health programme, Building Resilience and will be developing our Health and Wellbeing Curriculum. Following the information gathered by 'People Know How' we will be working with parents, carers and families to support our children at Craigentiny and make it the best school it can be.

Celebrating wider achievement

We like to be kept informed about experiences children are having outside of school which can be recorded in our Book of Achievement. We also run active clubs after school and would ask you to encourage your child to take part in one or two of these.

Learning and Teaching

Our whole school focus weeks this year will be Scottish Book Week in November and Health and Wellbeing Week in February. There will be Parent Showcase Events after each of the focus weeks to share the children's learning. Following the success last year, we will be inviting you to another Family Challenge Evening in January.

Other

Please ensure your child has a P.E. kit in school every day. Also remember that school lunch choices need to be made online by Wednesday midnight the week before. We have no control over this and late orders cannot be taken.

Stephanie Dean —Head Teacher



Below is information specific to your child's class.

	<p><u>Weekly Timetable</u></p> <p>Monday Health and Wellbeing (Miss Murray and Mrs Thompson) Tuesday Assembly/Buddies Wednesday P7B taught by Mrs Reilly Thursday P7 Library Day Friday Brass and Woodwind, Mandarin</p> <p>P7A PE is on Thursday (Ms Wheatly) and Friday (Mr Chueng) P7B PE is on Tuesday (Miss McDowell) and Wednesday (Ms Wheatly)</p>
	<p><u>The Curriculum: Language</u></p> <p>Working with Curriculum for Excellence, Second level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing will focus on a variety of genre, including poetry, instructions, news articles, leaflets, reports, Scots language and imaginative writing. • In all areas punctuation, structure and use of vocabulary will be a focus. • Weekly spelling. • For reading, pupils will be taught by either Ms Cooper or Miss McDowell. Reading activities will encourage a closer look at plot, characters, new vocabulary, summarising texts, skimming and scanning to find information, fact and opinion. • Handwriting to further develop cursive writing skills.
	<p><u>The Curriculum: Maths</u></p> <p>Working within Curriculum for Excellence, First and Second Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical activities will be used to explore all areas of maths. • Pupils will have opportunities for individual, paired and group work to develop skills in number sequences, decimals and fractions, money, measure, shape and information handling. • Mental maths activities to develop sound strategies. • Opportunities to explore maths outdoors and use ICT to support to learning.
	<p><u>Topics Being Covered</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Chemical Reactions, Biological Systems, Climate Change and Sustainability. • Social Studies: Aztec, Mayans and Incas, Country Comparison Study, Climate Change and Sustainability. • Health and Wellbeing: Drugs Awareness, Keeping Myself Safe, Food and Nutrition and Building Resilience. <p><u>Whole School Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Book Week • Health and Wellbeing Week