

INSHES Primary
News Letter
P 6/7

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a wonderful start to Primary 6/7 and the first few weeks have whizzed by. The children have settled well into their new classroom and daily routines and I am delighted to see such a positive attitude to learning. I am looking forward to a great year ahead 😊!

If you have any questions/ concerns please get in touch via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Munro
P6/7

Overview of Learning

Term: 1

Numeracy & Maths	
Numeracy:	In numeracy we have been working on place value and addition. We will move on to subtraction and multiplication, this will include problem solving. The class will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The different values of digits and to be able to numbers, confidently read, write and say numbers To complete mental and written number calculations accurately within addition, subtraction and multiplication
Maths:	Our Term 1 focus is on information handling. We will use practical learning opportunities to explore different types of graphs and charts.
Literacy	
Reading	Our focus is on comprehension skills. We will develop comprehension skills through predicting, asking questions and making connections. We will do this as part of a group and individually. We will also be beginning our class novel which will further reinforce these skills.

Writing	This term the text type we are focusing on is recount. Children will learn how to retell a series of events, sequenced in order using the correct vocabulary and structure.
Spelling/Phonics	In spelling this term, we are learning words with the following letter patterns: P6- or/are, word roots, ir/ire, auto/circum, words ending in a,i,o,u P7-sure/ture, ph, roots, a+double letters, connectives To do this, a mixture of textbook work and wraparound spelling will be used. You can practise these patterns at home with games like noughts and crosses or online (see some suggestions below).
L&T	In listening and talking we will be working on how we engage with others politely when working in groups. This will include contributing relevant ideas and showing respect for the views of others. We will practise building on the contributions of others, by asking or answering questions, clarifying points or supporting other people's opinions.
Health and Wellbeing	
Mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing	We have begun the term by focusing on developing a positive ethos in our classroom, and supporting children to build friendships and relationships with peers and adults. This includes creating our class charter, focusing on our rights. To support the children with emotional wellbeing, we will begin to learn about the “zones of regulation” this term, which will help to equip children with useful skills and strategies to help manage their emotions in different situations.
Physical Education	We are delighted to have Mr Durkin from Millburn Academy joining us this year to support children’s learning in PE. Mr Durkin will work with the class each week on a Tuesday. The term has begun with a focus on fitness and learning the game ‘boccia’. The children will further develop ball sports skills over the course of the term.
Social studies	We will be looking at geography experiences and outcomes, this will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To extend my mental map and sense of place, I can interpret information from different types of maps and to locate key features within Scotland, UK, and Europe, (wider world - P7s only). • I can discuss the environmental impact of human activity and suggest ways in which we can live in a more environmentally-responsible way.
Languages	French will continue to be developed through daily routines and instructions.
Expressive Arts	Exploring expression and communication of ideas. Exploring various stimuli including paint, pastel and pencil. With the focus being on composition of art.
Other useful Classroom Information:	On Thursday, once a week we will visit the library. Books taken out will be kept in school, but the children are more than welcome to use the library outside school hours. We will have an additional PE lesson with myself on a Monday morning.

Mr Munro will update the class blog every 2 weeks.
Chromebooks should be charged before coming to school.

Learning at home

- The platform you can access on the link below gives you a wide range of suggestions for learning at home.

[Inshes Home Learning Platform](#)

Spelling games:

- Your child might like to practise spelling at home using any of these activities:
 - [Highland Literacy Supporting Spelling](#)
 - [Spelling Grid](#)

Other ways to help your child with their learning at home:

- Read stories together
- If your child is already reading books independently - can they read to you (even a favourite page) with expression? Ask your child about their reading - their favourite character, part of the story; how do they think it will end?
- Ask your child about their writing in school. Do they know what they are writing about/what kind of writing they are doing in school, eg procedure, recount? Chatting about it at home can help with ideas when writing in school.
- There are many ways you can help your child with their practical learning in maths - eg shape - can they spot shapes they are learning about in school in their home/local environment; measure - can they measure some objects at home? Can they help with measuring out at meal time (recipes, numbers of plates etc)?
- Number work - building any kind of number practice into home routines helps- counting out setting the table, in the shop, practising times tables in the car. It all helps and makes learning more purposeful and fun 😊