

## ART

Pupils will create 3D models using the Japanese art of origami. We will also explore the artist Katsushika Hokusai and his famous woodblock print *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*. We will recreate this on our back wall using mixed media. Finally, we will learn some Japanese symbols and investigate calligraphy.

In the second part of the term, when we study our Scottish Parliament, pupils will be given a design brief to create fabric to be used for the curtains or other upholstery in the offices of the MSPs. The fabric should be inspired by the Parliament buildings and will be created using a repeat pattern.

## DRAMA

Pupils will create and perform in their class assembly with the rest of the school and parents/carers as their audience. The assembly will showcase learning from the year so far.

## TECHNOLOGY

Pupils will explore online safety education using ThinkUKnow. They will learn about how to keep themselves safe when online and when using social media. They will create posters containing advice to be displayed around the school. Further to this, pupils will be asked to sign the Code of Conduct for Using Digital Devices and will then be given their Glow login details. AAL (Anytime Anywhere Learning) will then be established in the classroom.

## HOMEWORK

Homework will be handed out on a Monday morning and collected in on Thursday morning. It will consist of literacy, maths and the week's spelling list (for optional review).

## TISSUES

I would really appreciate donations of boxes of tissues for the class throughout the year, for inevitable coughs and colds!

## WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child has a bottle of water to keep hydrated throughout the day.

## LANGUAGE

Pupils will read and examine a range of classic stories and poems which will help them develop their questioning and comprehension skills through the use of higher order questioning and thinking. This will inform much of our literacy work this year, including story writing when different genres will be explored.

Pupils will also continue to learn basic French vocabulary and complete a booklet called "Mon Aventure française" to take with them to Linlithgow Academy Modern Languages Dept. at the end of the year.

# Primary 7 Term 1

## RRS (Rights Respecting Schools)

Pupils will work in groups to create a Classroom Charter. After reading and discussing the Articles, they will suggest ways in which they can help realise their rights. These will be displayed outside the classroom as a point of reference for the coming year.

## NUMERACY

Within the class we will be focusing on sharing different strategies (Number Talks) used to answer questions and decide on the most efficient methods. We also have two lessons of Whole Class Maths (practical and problem-solving, with discussion) and two lessons of Group Maths (targeted to specific level of learning) per week.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### Japan

Pupils will : create a map of Japan and its islands; investigate earthquakes and tsunamis; undertake a personal research project resulting in a book about Japan.

They will research information about the country's culture and the similarities/differences between Scotland and Japan.

### Scottish Parliament

To coincide with UK Parliament Week in November, pupils will compare and contrast UK Parliament and Scottish Parliament and learn about the differences between MPs and MSPs. Pupils will visit the Scottish Parliament, have mini-debates and write to their MSP with their thoughts and opinions .