



# Knightsridge Primary School

## Primary 6 Newsletter – Term 1



### News

Welcome to our first Primary 6 newsletter– I’m sure it will be a fantastic year for all our pupils as we continue to stay safe and move back towards a more normal experience! We have had a successful start to the term with a positive class ethos where we try to demonstrate our school values and celebrate our differences. We are looking forward to the opportunity to link learning across the curriculum using “Victorians” as our focus. We will explore the lives and inventions of Victorians and compare the lives of children then and now. Our novel study “Street Child” will give us insights into the emotions and difficulties faced by a character called Jim Jarvis, we are already enjoying and sharing his journey. We have been using technology to familiarise ourselves with GLOW and will soon be using Teams to complete tasks as well as exploring technology by taking it apart! I am looking forward to sharing further news and developments at our Parent Consultations later in the term.

### What You Need & When..

This term our PE will be on Tuesdays with Mrs Ferguson – please ensure children dress appropriately for the weather as this will be outdoor learning. PE kit continues to be worn to school on Tuesdays - no football colours to be worn.

Please provide children with a water bottle daily and a healthy snack for break time. Water bottles can be filled up in the class and milk is also available after break.

As the seasons begin to change please ensure children have a jacket for the playground and a jumper for the classroom as windows are open for ventilation.

### Our Learning Summary

#### Literacy

We will be developing our recount writing skills this term which will include the opportunity to write about our IDL topic in a Newspaper article, diaries based on the life of our Victorian child and using recent news events. Free Writing Friday is an opportunity to become an inspired author and share it with the class!

In Reading, we are focused on improving our discussion, prediction, clarifying, summarising and questioning comprehension skills in non-fiction texts. We are using our Listening and Talking skills throughout the day, remembering how to be a quality audience and sharing our ideas confidently with the class.

#### Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy, we will be focusing on our mental addition and subtraction strategies. We will discuss and share our strategies to answer a range of different questions in “Number Talks”. We will also be improving our understanding of place value and numbers up to 1,000,000. Maths Week Scotland will give us the opportunity to be creative with Maths, developing our problems solving skills and taking maths outdoors. In Maths, we will be beginning to apply and transfer our strategies when handling Money during Money Fortnight and will have the opportunity to solve real life problems.

#### Health & Wellbeing

We have been working hard to develop a nurturing and inclusive classroom environment and worked together using our understanding of the Rights of a Child to create our Classroom Charter. We will also be looking at different ways to express our emotions. In PE, we will use the Paralympics to study different sports for all.

### Term 1: Important Date

#### September

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – Holidays

24<sup>th</sup> – Macmillan Coffee Morning  
European Day of Languages

27<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> – Maths Week Scotland  
KPS Money Week

#### October

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – KPS Money Week

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations

11<sup>th</sup> – Begin October Holidays

### Home Help

Home learning grids will be coming home in September. Pupils will be able to access this on Teams and grids will be posted on our KPS website too. In the meantime continue to develop good study habits at home:

- Read for 15-20 mins daily
- Sumdog
- News updates
- Times Tables

### Communication

#### Twitter



Please continue to follow our learning journey with regular updates on the

Knightsridge Twitter page  
[@KnightsridgePr1](https://twitter.com/KnightsridgePr1) and our  
Primary 6 class page  
[@MrsMcLellanKPS](https://twitter.com/MrsMcLellanKPS)

Updates will also be posted on our KPS website

<https://knightsridge.westlothian.org.uk/>