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Dear Parent and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. Below we have shared an outline of the learning in your child's class for Term 3, we are excited to be entering 2024 with our learners and have lots of fun learning opportunities for them, allowing them to achieve their best.

Primary 7 – Term 3

<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>We will continue with our Building Resilience Programme this term is, "Respected and Healthy." This will give our learners an opportunity to explore how to maintain a healthy lifestyle physically, mentally and emotionally.</p> <p>As we continue to work towards our Silver Rights Respecting School Award we continue to incorporate our Rights into every lesson and talk about them daily. P7 will be working through ball skills and will be continuing with Scottish Country Dancing in the run up to our Burns Night celebrations.</p>	<p>Literacy</p> <p>We are working on creative writing through term 3. We will also look at poetry and begin to create our own. Using both short and long reads we will develop our skills to read reflectively, develop a deeper understanding of the texts and expand our questioning skills. Our Old Edinburgh Topic is allowing our learners to explore our beautiful city. We will be reading "Secret City" as a whole class whilst exploring Scots Language through poetry.</p>	<p>Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>Our learners will continue to use their knowledge of the four processes each week to continue building their confidence when problem solving. In term 3 we will be focusing on multiplication and division and moving into equations and algebra later in the term. Maths topics will focus on time and using it to plan journeys and understand travel related timetables. Learners will also be looking at money and budgeting.</p>
<p>Ethos and Wider Life of the School</p> <p>Term 3 continues to see further opportunities for extra-curricular activities across the school. Please speak to your child about taking part in these activities. They will be available at lunch time and at the end of the school day.</p> <p>We are really keen to hear about any achievements outside of school life. Please continue to share any exciting achievements – we really enjoy celebrating these with our learners so please let your child bring in any certificates, trophies or photographs of their achievements.</p> <p>Our Decision Making Groups are well underway and activities continue to take place across the school.</p>	 <p>Aspire Believe Achieve</p>	<p>Opportunities for Wider Achievement</p> <p>At Newtongrange Primary we love to celebrate our learners' achievements inside and outside of school. We have been looking at ways to record celebrations and are trialling using a class 'Wider Achievements' Jamboard. The class Jamboard can be found in your child's Google Classroom. This term, we will be encouraging all learners to add to their page through dated post it notes and photographs. We would welcome you adding to the jamboard too. Your child should be able to show you how to access these but if you need any support do not hesitate to get in contact.</p>
<p>Discrete Subjects</p> <p>Term 3 allows us to explore the history of Valentine's Day and Easter Traditions across various different religions. Our learners continue to explore their digital bookmarks enhancing their skills in the run up to High School. We will also be looking at coding using Micro-bits.</p>	<p>Learning across the Curriculum</p> <p>Our context for learning will focus on Scots Language and Old Edinburgh. This allows our learners to explore architecture, engineering and inventors from Edinburgh who have changed the world. We will also explore the history of Edinburgh through people such as Mary Queen of Scots.</p>	<p>Dates for your diary</p> <p>24th January – P7 Burns Supper 26th January – Scots Assembly 1st February – French Fashion High School Transition Event 5th-9th February – Children's Mental Health Week 12th – 16th February – holiday 8th March – World Book Day 22nd March – Achievement Assembly</p>

