

St Cyrus School – Term 1 (2023-2024)

Primary 6/7 Newsletter

It has been an exciting couple of weeks back at school after the summer holidays! We have been busy settling back into school life and learning the new classroom routines. Our Primary 7s have been supportive and kind whilst helping to settle in our new Primary 1s too. This newsletter will outline the learning that will be covered this term. If you have any questions or something you would like to discuss, then please contact us by email at gw17abdouamy@glow.sch.uk or gw14boydmaria@glow.sch.uk

Literacy & Language (including French)

In writing this term, we will be working on creative writing with a focus on an adventure story genre. We will be working on improving vocabulary, connectives, openers, and punctuation to enhance the quality of writing. Each week, “talk homework” will be given to learners the day before writing day to allow time to think about and discuss ideas for writing at home. In spelling, we will explore a variety of spelling rules, phonemes and common words. Primary 6/7 will be working on *The BFG* by Roald Dahl as a class novel this term. We will be encouraging learners to discuss structure, characterisation, setting and writers themes throughout the novel. Some learners will be working to identify authors techniques such as metaphors, similes and personification, while other learners will identify and evaluate these techniques. We will further develop reading comprehension skills using the Collin’s Comprehension scheme. Opportunities for reading for enjoyment will be given each day in class. In talking and listening, we will be learning to plan and deliver a talk with relevant content and appropriate structure on a topic of our choice. This will link to learning in technology as research and supporting PowerPoint presentations will be completed on the computer.

In French, we will be consolidating previous topics, including numbers and personal vocabulary. We will also be saying when famous people were born/died and what people do for a living.

How you can support your child at home:

- Engage in “talk homework” with your child to support writing. Discuss ideas for writing and interesting words and phrases they could include to enhance writing.
- Encourage your child to read for enjoyment daily at home.
- Spelling word lists will be posted weekly on the class teams page and can be practised at home.

Numeracy & Maths

This term in numeracy we will begin by focusing on the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000. We will be learning to read, write, order and partition 5 and 6 figure whole numbers and explain the link between the digit and the place it holds. We will also explore the place value of decimal numbers up to 3 decimal places. We will learn to round whole numbers to the nearest 1000, 10,000 and 100,000. In maths we will be learning about chance and uncertainty. We will use probability language to describe the likelihood of events occurring. We will plan and carry out simple experiments involving chance.

How to support your child at home:

- Choose a place value and number online game to play at home to practise numeracy skills. <https://nrich.maths.org/13786>
- Practise reading, writing and ordering large numbers by researching populations of countries around the world.
- Practise working with decimal numbers in real life contexts such as weights, lengths and with money.
- Carry out simple probability experiments at home. For examples rolling a die, a set number of times and recording the results or flipping a coin a set number of times and recording how many times it lands each of heads and tails.

Health & Wellbeing (including PE)

For Health and Wellbeing, we will be learning by splitting into year groups every Tuesday. Primary 6s will be working with Mrs Boyd and will be learning about the different feelings we may experience and how to manage them. Primary 7s will be working with Mrs Abdou and will focus on building positive relationships as well as valuing differences. As a class, we will be exploring the learning pit and looking at the different emotions we experience during the learning process. We will also learn strategies that can help us when we are in the learning pit. Primary 6/7 will have PE every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. This term, we will be refining our skills in hockey. We will be developing ball control and using skills within a small-sided game. We will also be considering how to best work cooperatively with others and offer support and encouragement during team games.

Topic

For topic this term, Primary 6/7 will be learning about Oceans with a science focus. We will be learning to classify living things and appreciate the diversity within our oceans. We will investigate the life cycles of marine plants and animals and examine the interactions and energy flow between plants and animals in the ecosystems. We will find out about sea exploration and the challenges to this as well as what is happening around the world with the conservation of the ocean habitats and what we can do to help.

How to support your child at home:

- Visit the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) website to explore work being carried out around the world on our oceans today. <https://explore.panda.org/oceans>
- Choose a marine animal of interest to research then create a fact file about it. (see class teams page for template)
- Watch episodes of Blue Planet (on BBC iPlayer).

General Information

- Mrs Boyd will teach Primary 6/7 on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesday.
- Mrs Abdou will teach Primary 6/7 on Thursdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays.
- PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This may be indoors or outdoors. Your child may come to school on these days dressed in PE kit.

Please ensure clothing is suitable for outdoors (joggers, jumper, outdoor footwear).

- Miss Gatherum will teach Primary 6/7 art every Friday Morning.
- Beach schools this session will be on Thursday 7th September and Thursday 21st September. Please ensure clothing for these days is suitable for outdoors.
- Primary 6/7 will be hosting a Community Coffee Morning on Thursday 5th October. Further details to follow.
- Children who are cycling to school should have permission from parents/carer and should remember to get off their bike and walk once in school grounds. We also encourage those cycling to wear a helmet.
- Each week, Primary 6/7s will have the opportunity to earn a hot chocolate treat on Fridays for working hard and following our school and class rules.