

St Cyrus School – Term 1, 2023/24

Primary 4/5 Newsletter

A warm welcome back to all our pupils and parents/carers. This termly newsletter will give you an idea of what will be happening in our class this term. We hope you find it useful.

Literacy & Language

*The class will work in their reading groups twice a week. Activities will include a mixture of reading out loud, reading independently, discussing the text, and completing written tasks relevant to their book such as summarising parts of the text. They will be allowed to take their reading book home with them to practise, although no homework will be given. **However, the book must be taken into school every day for use in class.***

They will also have the opportunity to independently choose a text from our mobile library or bring one in from home every Friday. The class will complete tasks related to their book and be given time to share with their peers what they like about the text and whether they would recommend it to others.

For spelling this term the class will focus on different phonemes, common words and some spelling rules. Some will focus on several different sounds including ‘magic e’, au, ou, wr to name a few whilst others will focus on different ways to make ‘ae’ and ‘ee’. You can support your child at home by practising the word lists that will be posted on the P4/5 Teams page.

The class will focus on creative writing this term. They will learn how to include better vocabulary, connectives, openers, and punctuation in their extended pieces of writing to make it more interesting to their reader. The context of the writing will vary but the class will get ‘Talk Homework’ every Wednesday, which you can support your child with by discussing their ideas for their piece of creative writing.

French

This term the class will revise colours, numbers, days/months, and classroom instructions.

Numeracy & Maths

This term the class will cover different areas of Numeracy and Mathematics, which will begin with Place Value. Some of the aspects of Place Value they will learn is to order non-consecutive numbers, comparing numbers using less than (<) and more than (>), to find missing numbers, count in jumps forwards and backwards and partitioning

numbers. Some will also practise these aspects with decimal numbers to one decimal place.

After the class have worked on Place Value, they will apply their knowledge to working on addition and subtraction. They will learn lots of different strategies to help them add and subtract either 2-digit, 3-digit or 4-digit numbers. Some of these strategies include the commutative property ($39 + 23 = 23 + 39$), understanding the relationship between addition and subtraction, using an empty number line to count in chunks, partitioning numbers and then some will use the expanded method to add and subtract bigger numbers.

With Miss McMillan on a Wednesday the class will learn about Shape. Some will learn to describe 2D and 3D objects using different terminology, identifying simple quadrilaterals, identifying right angles, and looking at tiling patterns. Others will learn to recognise and name triangles, describe cubes and cuboids, identify 2D and 3D shapes in their environment, construct 3D shapes from its net and accurately draw a range of 2D shapes using a ruler.

To support your child at home with shape, why not play some of these properties of shape games <https://nrich.maths.org/9302> . To support them with Place Value, why not play the Place Value charts game to practise making numbers <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/place-value/place-value-charts> .

Health & Wellbeing (including PE)

The class will focus on friendships for Health and Wellbeing this term. Some will learn about how friendships are formed and how different qualities can influence relationships and others will learn about specific qualities needed to manage changing relationships. One of the contexts for learning will be through our class novel 'The War Next Door' by Phil Earle, which explores some of those qualities through the characters in the story. The class will also work with their year groups on this theme for Health and Wellbeing.

For P.E the class will begin working on hockey. They will develop their control, dribbling, passing and shooting skills and apply these in small sided games. They will practise their communication and teamwork skills during these games as well. P.E will be every Tuesday morning.

Our Topic – Living & Non-Living Things (Science)

This term the class will begin a topic all about Living and Non-Living Things! They will learn how to classify living and non-living things such as plants and animals. They will look at criteria for vertebrates and invertebrates and be able to place different creatures in the correct categories. To show their learning the class will produce posters and information leaflets about different living and non-living things.

To support your child at home, why not pick a vertebrate or invertebrate and create a PowerPoint all about them? They could also watch this video about classifying vertebrates or invertebrates <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRidGna-V4E> .

Visiting Specialists

Mrs Miller (Drama)
Miss McMillan (Core)

General Information

- *P.E is every Tuesday please come dressed in P.E clothes that are suitable for the outdoors.*