

St Cyrus School – Term 2, 2023/24

Primary 3/4 Newsletter

What a fast term we have just had – it was super to finish with a visit to Dunnottar Castle! It is set to be another busy one so please have a look below to find out what we will be learning over the next few weeks. As ever, we will continue to post regular updates on our class Teams page.

Literacy & Language (including French)

We will continue to look at different sounds and letter formations within our weekly spelling routines. Words will be posted on the class Teams page which can be found online to allow you to further support your child's learning. Spelling words will also continue to be sent home within the 'Spelling Diary' – this option is here for those who wish to do a bit more practise at home.

For our writing this term, we will be recreating familiar tales by altering the setting/characters or events. We will be introducing some more interesting word choices to our writing as well as focussing on how to structure a story using 'beginning, middle and end' format for planning. This will then be extended to support some children in the use of more complex punctuation and layout. We will continue the use of our personal word book/dictionaries to aid us when writing.

Reading will be sent home this term. We will aim to send books and diaries home on a Monday and a Thursday. We will be focusing on identifying the story structure i.e. beginning, middle and end for fiction books and evaluating and identifying the main purpose of each text. Selected activities both verbal and written will be completed to ensure depth of understanding of the text.

In French we will be learning the French alphabet, to say weather phrases including the seasons. We will revise vocabulary for family/pets, as well as some Christmas words and songs.

Preview Homework / Ways to support your child at home this term in literacy

- Try and identify your weekly sounds within your everyday life – on signs, menus, story books.
- Retell some well-known fairy tales at home and perform them to your friends and family
- Practise reading and remembering the song lyrics for our Christmas Show.
- Sing the French alphabet song to a family member or friend and then try to sound out their name in French.

Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy this term, we will continue our work on Place Value. Some pupils will be working with 2-digit numbers up to 100 whilst others will be working with 3-digit numbers up to 1000. We will all be making and using different representations of numbers and ensuring we understand fully, the value of each numeral within a number i.e., hundred, ten or one.

Our practical element of maths this term will be focused on time. Some of us are going to work on recording time in 30 min intervals using analogue and digital clocks. Others will focus on 15minute or five-minute intervals. Some will be recording time using am/ pm as well as identifying 24hr notation from analogue to digital.

Preview Homework/ways to support your child at home this term in numeracy

- Knowing number bonds to 10 will help your child when working with larger numbers.
i.e., $3 + 7 = 10$, $13 + 7 = 20$, $23 + 7 = 30$.
Make some flash cards to practise the key number bonds below:
 - $1+9 = 10$, $2+8 = 10$, $3+7 = 10$, $4+6 = 10$, $5+5 = 10$, $6+4 = 10$, $7+3 = 10$, $8+2 = 10$, $9+1 = 10$

- Use everyday items at home to represent numbers such as Lego, pasta, buttons etc and use the template <https://www.mathswithmum.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/HTU-Place-Value-Chart.pdf> to make 2 and 3-digit numbers at home.
- Practise some of your learning on time with one of these 'time' games on: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=telling+time> .

Health and Wellbeing

P.E. will be on a Wednesday again this term, the children will be continuing their athletics practise from last term and then moving onto some Scottish Country dancing. In addition to this, we will aim to be outside (weather permitting) for our 'daily mile'.

We will continue to meet on a Tuesday afternoon in our year groups for more Health and Wellbeing work.

Our Topic

Our new topic for this term will be the Human Body. We will be naming parts of the body and identifying where each part is located and its function. We will also be exploring body systems such as the respiratory system and the digestion system. We will then move on to investigate our senses and discover why they are so important.

Preview Homework/ Ways to support your child at home in Topic work

- Have discussions with family and friends about visits to the doctors/hospitals – what was the problem and how was it solved?
- <https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/center/htbw-main-page.html> explore this site to continue your learning at home.

R.M.E. (Religious and Moral Education)

This term we will be developing an awareness of ways in which Christians and Jews celebrate different times of the year such as Harvest, Christmas, Hanukkah and Rosh Hashanah.

Visiting Specialists

This term children will have Mrs McMillan for P.E. on a Wednesday and Ms Miller for Drama on a Thursday. The class will also be supported at times throughout the week by Mrs Carmichael.

General Information

- Please ensure that all clothing is **named**.
- PE will be on a Wednesday – **Please ensure that your child attends school wearing clothes appropriate for outdoor sports.**
- Water bottles should be brought to school filled with **water** for drinking in class, if spilt, juice can create a sticky mess on resources and carpets.
- Personal toys should not be brought into school or the classroom.

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