

St Cyrus School – Term 2, 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 continue to work in their reading groups twice a week. Activities will include reading out loud within their group, paired and independent reading as well as working on summary and analysis activities for their book. The class are strongly encouraged to take their book home to practise reading. However, the book must be taken into school every day for use in class.

They will once again have the opportunity to choose their own text to read on a Friday. This could be a fiction or non-fiction text such as a novel, a comic book or a fact book. Once they have read the text, they will write a short review of it for our 'Bookflix' wall display in class.

For spelling this term the class will continue to work in their groups looking at different phonemes. For one group it will be 'tch', 'wr', 'ea' (bread), 'wa' (wasp) and 'th' as well as weekly common words. For the other group it will be 'ie' and 'oe' as well as common words. The class will have the opportunity to practise the words in class but are encouraged to take their spelling book home with them to practise.

The class will continue with creative writing this term, but the focus will be on different writing genres such as adventure, mystery, and fantasy. They will learn the key features of the genre to then be able to write confidently in that genre. Despite the focus on genres, they will consolidate their work on VCOP from Term 1.

French

After focusing on numbers last term, the class will use this knowledge to be able to say the date after learning days of the week and months. They will then begin learning classroom instructions.

Numeracy & Maths

The class will begin working on addition and subtraction this term. 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 continue their unit on shape. Some will learn about pentagons/hexagons and tiling kites and 'H' shapes as well as counting sides and corners on different shapes. Others will learn about diameters and radius, tiling shapes such as squares, rectangles, triangles and diamonds.

To support them with addition and subtraction, why not have a look at these activities, some of which can be done in pairs - <https://nrich.maths.org/8955> .
https://www.mathplayground.com/tb_addition/index.html .

Health & Wellbeing (including PE)

The class will start a new Health and Wellbeing topic looking at food and health. Some will learn about the main food groups, how to create a balanced meal, preparing dishes for different occasions and the importance of drinking water. Others will learn about proportions in each food group, identifying composite dishes in the food groups, current healthy eating messages and creating a healthy eating plan.

For P.E the class will continue hockey. They will consolidate their learning of control, dribbling, passing and shooting skills and apply these in small sided games using an air flow ball and a puck. They will practise their communication and teamwork skills during these games as well. P.E will be every Tuesday morning.

Our Topic – Culture and Lifestyle (Social Studies)

This term the class will continue the Social Studies they started last term. This topic focuses on comparing the culture and lifestyle of Scotland with other countries. Last term pupils started by choosing their own countries to learn about and created a 'travel guide' for that country. This term they will focus more on the culture and lifestyle in Scotland and then compare that to the countries they learned about in Term 1. To support your child at home why not discuss the Scottish culture and lifestyle and if that has changed over the years? You could also pick another country in the world that they are interested in learning about and do some research on it.

Visiting Specialists

Miss McMillan (Core)

General Information

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