

St Cyrus School Term 2 2023/24

P5/6 Newsletter

A warm welcome to term 2! I hope everyone has had a lovely holiday. We have lots to look forward to! We will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of school funds on the 30th of November - hope to see some of you there. We will also be busy rehearsing for our Christmas show - more about this later.

Here's what else to expect in term 2.

Literacy and Language (including Spanish)

We will continue to complete reading activities in class, twice a week. The class will also have ERIC time on Wednesdays this term, with children being able to select their own reading book and read at their own pace. Books from home may be used for this. Each pupil will then create their own VLOG about the book they're reading. Look out for these on our Teams page!

In writing, we will be focusing on poetry this term. This will involve looking at two different types of poetry; cinquains and limericks. The class will have talk time every Wednesday to discuss ideas for writing the next day.

This term we'll be focussing on Spanish. We will be learning numbers to 31, the days of the week, months of the year and how to say when our birthday is. We'll also learn how to say what we are doing for lunch and how to talk about school subjects.

Ways to support at home.

*Children could be encouraged to choose challenging novels for ERIC time, and there could be regular discussions about their novel at home.

*Spelling words will still be sent home each week on a Friday and be posted on Teams. The more the children practise these, the better!

*The children will have talk time on a Wednesday to decide what they will write about on Thursdays; why not ask them what their ideas were and discuss them?

Numeracy and Maths

This term we will be looking at the four operations; namely addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be working on mental and written strategies to enhance the children's abilities in these areas and exploring how they are linked.

We will also be learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shape.

Ways to support at home.

*Practising times tables is always beneficial; they are used in so many areas of Maths. The better your child knows them, the easier life will be! The links below will take you to sites which features a variety of fun games to help with these topics.

[Times Tables Games \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Times-Tables-Games)

[2D and 3D shapes - Topmarks Search](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/2D-and-3D-shapes)

Health and Well-being (including PE)

Our Topic

We will continue with our topic from last term - The Romans. The class have really enjoyed this topic and there are still lots of fascinating facts to learn!

We will also continue our Health and Wellbeing year group sessions for the first half of this term. The children have really worked well together in their stage groups.

PE will be on Mondays this term and we will be learning about fitness and how to measure and improve our own levels of it. This will take the form of circuit training and activities to improve our strength and stamina.

*Visiting Specialists

This term the children will have Ms Miller for Drama and Mrs Gatherum for Art.

Other information

*the clocks have gone back - it's time for the big jackets! Please ensure that they are both cosy and waterproof. Cosy footwear too please - it's chilly in that playground!

*children should also bring a filled water bottle to school with their name on it.

*Please inform me of any medical/ kit issues which mean your child cannot participate in any activity. Please also ensure any inhalers and medication consent forms are handed in to school.