

St Cyrus School – Term 2 (2023-2024)

Primary 6/7 Newsletter

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 focussing on discursive writing where we will explore a variety of ideas and topics within an essay structure. It will involve a clear introduction, discussion of the main points and a summary of the subject, designed to encourage the reader to read on. We will continue to work on improving vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation, developing an understanding of how these can be used to implement a formal tone throughout the essay. Each week, “talk homework” will be given every Monday, which will also be made available on Teams. This will allow pupils time to think about and discuss ideas for writing at home.

Talking and listening activities will be closely linked to our writing focus where we will be looking at ways to present our arguments in a clear and concise manner, exploring how to using emotive language and counter-arguments to support our stance during our weekly classroom debates.

Primary 6/7 will be continuing to work 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 to read for enjoyment will be given each day in class.

In spelling, we will explore a variety of spelling rules, phonemes and common words. In French, we will be learning vocabulary relating to Christmas.

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 focus on addition and subtraction and the link between the two. We will explore a variety of different mental and written strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems with whole numbers and decimals. We will also be learning to select the correct function to solve word problems. We will be working with whole numbers up to 1,000,000 and numbers up to 2 decimal places. We will also be learning more about 2D and 3D shapes. We will be developing our use of mathematical language to describe their properties, through practical activities draw representations of 2D and 3D shapes and investigate the relationship between

3D shapes and their nets. We will continue to use Numeracy Ninja to help pupils practise our mental maths skills, so that we can have a range of strategies to solve mathematical problems with increasing difficulty.

How to support your child at home:

- You can practise mental addition and subtraction at home using the worksheets on this link. <https://www.snappymaths.com/calculations/addition-subtraction/addition-subtraction-within-1000/>
- You can practise formal written addition and subtraction at home using the worksheets on this link. <https://www.snappymaths.com/calculations/addition-subtraction/other-addition-subtraction/>
- Practise times tables and the related division facts.

Health & Wellbeing (including PE)

For Health and Wellbeing, we will continue to split into year groups every Tuesday. During these sessions classes will work on topics linked to mental and emotional wellbeing.

Primary 6/7 will have PE every Tuesday and Thursday. This term, we will be developing our skills in badminton. We will be building upon existing knowledge of the fundamentals as well as introducing players to key shots to enable more tactical play. We will also be learning to develop teamwork skills through strategy games and basketball.

RME

This term we will be exploring Christianity in greater depth. Bible Alive will be coming to Primary 6/7 every Tuesday to provide pupils with an opportunity to know and explore some biblical stories, both from the Old and New Testament. Pupils will take an active part in the re-telling of the stories to develop an understanding of some of the significant figures in Christianity, key beliefs and understand the reasons for Christian festivals, being able to recount the story of their origins.

Topic

We will be continuing to explore Oceans as our topic. In the first term we learnt that our ocean is full of incredible marine life. This term we will explore the various ways in which the ocean is fundamental to all life, on our planet. We will learn more about how humans benefit from the ocean and the impact it has on its resources. Primary 6/7 will explore different fishing methods and management measures aimed at making seafood more sustainable. We will also look at the risks and threats to the environment from human activities that need to be managed carefully, so that we can protect our ocean to ensure that it has a healthy future.

Primary 6/7 will also be busy preparing for the Christmas Show this term where the class will be singing a well-known Christmas song in French. There will also be opportunities for Primary 7s to take on speaking roles.

How to support your child at home:

- Get inspired to become an ocean defender and watch some of these videos – <https://blog.padi.com/5-ocean-documentaries-to-get-kids-excited-about-conservation/>

- Go on a Seashore Safari, next time you are walking along the beach take the Seashore Safari sheet, available on Teams, to see how many seashore surprises you can find!
- Discuss small, simple changes you can do as a family to reduce single use plastic in your home and give it a go!

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. 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).
- Golden Ticket will be held this term on Friday 10th November, 24th November, 1st December and 8th December from 8.50 – 9.20am. Please check your ticket for your allocated date. We look forward to seeing you.
- 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 hot chocolate treat on Fridays for working hard and following our school and class rules.