

St Cyrus School – Term 4, 2023/24
Primary 3/4 Newsletter

Hello, we hope that you managed to enjoy your Easter break despite the poor weather. We are set for another busy term with lots of new learning to come over the next few weeks. Have a look below to find out more.

Literacy & Language (including French)

We will continue to look at different sounds and letter formations within our weekly spelling routines. Words will be written in spelling jotters (these should be brought home on a Friday) and on the class Teams page which can be found online to allow you to further support your child's learning.

In writing this term, we will be focusing on narrative writing. We will start with adventure genre highlighting the main features that must be included in this genre and will later move on to mystery /detective genre. We will continue to collect ideas of wow words, openers and use big writing strategies to help improve our writing.

In Reading we will continue to do weekly comprehension tasks within our jotters/workbooks. Personal/Group reading will continue from where your child left off last term, please check homework diaries regularly for more details. We will be working on our fluency and blending skills along with the purpose of punctuation and grammar within a text.

In French we will be developing our listening and reading skills as we listen and read various stories in French. We will be learning new vocabulary as well as participating in different activities and games linked to these stories. We will continue to explore sounds and patterns as we learn to pronounce and say French words.

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

- Keep an eye out for 'talk homework' and share and borrow ideas with family or friends to use later in our writing sessions in class.
- Write some boring sentences of your own and then write an up-levelled version beside it, highlighting which VCOP strategy you used to make it a more interesting sentence.
- Visit the local library and look for the 'Early Readers' section, here you should find some books of a suitable level for your personal reading.

Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy this term, we will be learning multiplication and division. Within this topic we will be looking at the relationship between multiplication and division. Some children will begin to work with the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables whilst others will add in the 3- and 4-times table. Links will then be made between the 3-, 6- and 9-times tables and the 2-, 4- and 8-times tables. Key language for multiplication work will include groups of, arrays and rows and columns. In division we will be developing our understanding that some collections of objects can be shared evenly and some collections have objects left over. We will be using division in situations involving sharing and grouping items using different strategies (number line jumps- arrays- bar model- repeated subtraction-partitioning) and materials to support our learning.

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

- Use everyday items at home to represent numbers such as Lego, pasta, buttons etc. to support your thinking when practising the written multiplication method at home.

- Watch this video to practise your times tables https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/C3PojOwjHcc?playlist=C3PojOwjHcc&autoplay=1&iv_load_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&start=
- Make up your own song/rhyme to help you learn your times tables.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be getting together within our year groups on Tuesday afternoons and learning about risk and how to keep ourselves safe. We will also be talking about our growing bodies and using the correct names for different body parts. We will be learning about hygiene and what we need to do to keep our bodies clean and healthy.

In P.E., we will be working on ball skills. This will be a mixture of team/paired and individual work and will bring in different elements of various ball games and the control needed to be successful within this area. We will also have a weekly session linking the key skills of 'balance', 'control' and 'travel' to the upcoming Olympic Games.

Our Topic

For our final term, the class will be looking at the topic of 'Textiles'. We will be learning about the creation and purpose of different textiles, where in the world our textiles come from and how this can help form part of a country's identity. We will be completing design challenges using different forms of textiles and learning some new skills along the way.

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

- Have a look around your home, how many different types of textiles can you see in 1 room?
- Take an old piece of clothing (check with an adult first) and challenge yourself to turn it into something new – maybe a cushion or piece of art, perhaps some trousers that are too short can become some shorts.

Visiting Specialists/Adults

Mrs Macmillan will be joining us this term and teaching P.E. on a Wednesday. Miss Murray will also be working with us and teaching about different faiths; Judaism and Christianity. The class will continue to be supported by Mrs Carmichael throughout the week.

General Information

- Please ensure that all clothing is named.
- Homework diaries and reading books should be returned on a Monday and Thursday.
- PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday – please come dressed appropriately for both indoor and outdoor options.
- Water bottles should be brought to school filled with water for drinking in class.
- Toys should not be brought into school or the classroom due to risk of damage or being lost.
- For any further enquiries, please contact Mrs Jamieson (gw09abbeykerri@glow.sch.uk) and Mrs Greig (gw10greigsandy@glow.sch.uk) using the e-mail addresses provided.