

St Cyrus School – Term 4, 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 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.

Their other reading session this term will continue to be paired reading. The class will be in the same pairs and can continue the book they started last term or start a new one. This will give them a chance to practise reading with expression to their partner as well as practise their pace and tone whilst reading. It also gives some a chance to learn strategies for decoding unfamiliar words and an opportunity to discuss the text with someone else outside of their reading group.

For spelling this term the class will continue to work in their groups looking at different phonemes. For one group it will be y (mystery), u (push), gn (design), t (creature), dge (dodge), ch/ti (chef/station) as well as weekly revision words. For the other group it will be finishing off 'ow/ou', common words and assessment of all the phonemes covered this year. 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 move on from narrative genres to learn about different text types such as persuasive, explanation, diaries, and reports. They will learn the features of these different text types and then complete a piece of writing in that format. The contexts will vary, and some will be linked to what they are doing in class e.g., the coffee morning, topics, and class trip. The class will have a preview of their upcoming writing on a Tuesday and will write on a Wednesday. To support your child at home, why not discuss their weekly writing with them? As with Terms 1-3, there will be weekly Star Writers in Term 4.

French/Spanish

The class will begin learning Spanish this term alongside consolidating learning in French. They will learn basic greetings, numbers, colours, and days of the week. They will be encouraged to spot any connections they can see between the 2 languages to help them learn Spanish.

Numeracy & Maths

The class will focus on numerous different maths topics this term including money and data analysis. For money, some will learn to make totals up to £10 and mentally calculate the change, to read and write monetary values with a decimal point and understand how goods are paid for using cards and digital technology. Others will learn how to add and subtract totals of money with a decimal point, calculate the cost of several items, plan purchases within a budget and source items from different sources.

They will also learn about data analysis. Some will learn to collect, organise, display, and interpret information from different graphs and charts. They will also learn to use different scales, label both axis and include a title when drawing graphs. Others will read information from several graphs and charts using 1 to many correspondences. They will also suggest data to collect, represent it in a bar or block graph and use digital technologies where applicable.

To support them with money at home, why not try totalling up items or work out change when shopping. To support with data analysis, why not try have a go at this Carroll diagram activity that combines data with their times table knowledge - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/carroll-diagrams/multiples> .

Health & Wellbeing (including PE)

The class will begin a mini topic looking at some outcomes for Personal and Social education. This will focus on a career they would like to do when they are older and they will have to consider their own strengths, learning goals and how they could achieve them. They will present their 'dream career' to the rest of the class.

For P.E the class will continue their unit on handball. They will utilise the skills and abilities learned in netball and apply them to handball. As well as the focus remaining on skills, the class will now begin to work on focus and concentration and decision making in games. This will also apply to rounders when the class switch to that midway through the term. When they begin rounders, the skill they will focus on is hand-eye co-ordination to be able to hit the ball.

Our Topic – The Victorians (Social Studies)

The final Social Studies topic of the year will centre around the Victorians. The class will learn what life was like in Victorian times, especially for children. This will include schools, houses, jobs, and life in the local area around that time. They will also begin a new class novel set in Victorian times called 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty.

To support your child at home, why not visit this website to get more information about how Victorian Scotland changed <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjm4bdm> .

Visiting Specialists

- *Miss Gatherum (Art)*

General Information

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