

St Cyrus School Term 4 2023/24

P5/6 Newsletter

Welcome to term 4! The clocks have gone forward and we'll be enjoying some better weather soon - I hope! Beach schools makes a welcome return this term - more information about dates will follow. We have lots of great learning planned this term - here's what to expect.

Literacy and Language (including French and Spanish)

We will again have ERIC time on Fridays this term when children can choose their own reading material. I would encourage children to choose carefully and stick with a book for at least three sessions before changing it to something else. These books can be fiction or non-fiction. Our class will continue to read group novels twice a week and complete tasks related to their novels.

In writing, we will be learning how to write stories in the genre of fantasy. Imaginations can be let loose! The class will have talk time every Wednesday to discuss ideas for writing the next day.

We'll continue to learn both French and Spanish this term- and also a little German as the children have expressed an interest in learning some of this language too. We can now say hello and talk about the weather in German! When we planned our topic for this term (more about that later), the children said they'd like to learn how to talk about animals in different languages, so that will be our focus this term.

Ways to support at home.

*Children could be encouraged to chat about their group reading book at home. It would also be good to hear them read aloud to help them add expression when reading.

*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 completing work on percentages then moving on to work with time, measurement and information handling.

Ways to support at home.

Encourage your child to practise telling the time using an analogue clock; using terms such as 5 past, 20 to the hour. Ask them how long things such as TV programmes will last.

There are many clips here to help with telling the time and calculating time durations.

[Time - KS2 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

Health and Well-being (including PE)

Our Topic

Our topic this term is Biodiversity. We have planned what we'd like to learn about this topic and what activities we'd like to do. This was a topic we didn't know much about so there's lots we need to learn!

Activities we'd like to do include outdoor learning, making things, conducting experiments and using ICT to research information. Keep an eye on our Teams page for photos of these activities!

We will also be learning about food journeys to see how our food gets to our plate. We'll be baking and finding out about how far the ingredients have travelled!

We will continue to get together in our year groups for Health and Wellbeing sessions.

PE will be on Tuesdays with myself and Wednesdays this term with Miss McMillan. The class will be doing athletics and rounders.

Other information

* Please ensure that children are wearing jackets which are both cosy and waterproof. Cosy footwear too please - we'll hopefully be outside more often this term.

*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.