



COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Term 1: August to December 2023  
Class Newsletter for Room 7  
Primary 4



**General information:** Welcome to P4 with Miss Brown (Mon-Wed) and Miss Berry (Wed-Fri). We are so excited to be back to school and learning with you all! We are looking forward to becoming a great team and **the best class in school!**

**In literacy we will be learning ...**

**WRITING:** We will be revising nouns, verbs, adjectives and working on how to present our writing in a neat fashion. We will be assessing ourselves and others and devising next steps. After the October holidays we will be working on beginning to learn how to write in paragraphs and use apostrophes with contractions.

**SPELLING & PHONICS:**

We will concentrate on our vowel sounds, common words, blending and scientific topic words this term.

**READING:** We will be learning about using contents, glossaries and indexes to look for relevant information in fiction and non-fiction texts. We are also building up a love of reading through reading for pleasure. Our whole class novel will be "Slime", by David Walliams (Mon-Wed) and "I Love My Teacher's Guts" by Paul McNamara. We are hoping to begin monthly visits to the library, are looking for parent/carer helpers to join us! If this is something you could do, then please get in touch.

**LISTENING & TALKING:** We are working on using an appropriate level of volume when speaking in different situations.

**In numeracy and maths we will be learning...**

**NUMERACY:**

We will all be focussing on place value, ordering and comparing the values of digits in numbers. We will focus on number lines too, looking at sequences and patterns of numbers. We want to learn our numbers bonds to 10, 20, 50 and 100 off by heart too. We will all be adding and subtracting with various numbers and we will re-cap carrying and exchanging when we do this. Solid materials, e.g. number squares and Numicon are always available to aid all learners when working independently.

**MATHEMATICS:**

We will be working on shapes, angles, symmetry, patterns, positional language and coordinates in maths. You could support this learning at home by spotting shapes inside and outside the home (both 2D and 3D).

**MATHEMATICAL VOCABULARY:**

All the children need to work on using a variety of words to express a single function. We all need to know that minus, take away, less than and subtract all mean the same thing.

**Our IDL project between August and October will be the**

**Human Body**

We will be learning about the human body by focussing on: - skeletons - major organs (skin, brain, heart, lungs, stomach and bladder) - inheritance (genes) - healthy eating (fuelling our bodies) - cooking skills - hygiene (both personal and when cooking) - disabilities - what makes people unique - muscles - water and its importance for healthy bodies

**Our IDL project between October and December will be**

**Electricity and Forces**

We will be learning about the natural forces and man-made energy that exists in the world. The children will learn about: - magnets - electricity (sources) - thunder & lightning - gravity - building circuits - electrical safety - water safety - what's magnetic and what isn't - how we can save power - batteries - solar power.

**Health & Well-Being and R.M.E**

We will work hard on our gross motor skills and try to build up stamina, resilience and fitness by completing circuits and weekly jogging. After the October holidays we will be looking at dance and we look forward to taking part in the Scottish Country Dance festival in the new year. **Our Gym days will be Mondays and Wednesdays.**

Our main focus for RME will be places of worship – Jewish Synagogues, Christian Churches and Islamic Mosques

As part of HWB we are looking at how people can feel alone and can be misunderstood and left out by others. We will be looking at ways to give appropriate supports to others and recognising when others need some space to themselves. We will be discussing different ways to show kindness.

We will be discussing how to stay safe when using electricity and how electrical appliances helps us go about our daily life and changes it has made to our personal hygiene.

**ICT and technologies**

We will continue to use the netbooks in school to help us use a computer independently, especially signing in via password and saving our work in a safe, personal file. We will consider email and the different forms of communication we can use, including blogs and vlogs.

**Expressive Arts**

In Art we will be working on our painting skills and use of colour. We will also be looking at artists who use geometrical shapes as their inspiration.

In Drama we will look at performance skills such as use of voice, reading from a script and how to use non-verbal communication.

**Outdoor Learning**

**How can parents/ families help?**

We plan to go outdoors every **Tuesday afternoon** child has appropriate clothing, e.g., wellies and waterproofs please. In P4 we also begin work on gaining our Natural Connections Award. We will be exploring our local area throughout the year in order to meet the criteria of DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, JOURNEYS and PRESERVATION.

Encourage your child to access Sumdog online; login in independently to practise their numeracy skills frequently. Read regularly – if not daily – with your child. Please discuss words, spellings and meanings within the text and/or pictures. **Please make sure your child's name is on all items of clothing they bring to school, to avoid lost property.**

**Other news from our class.**

*Please ensure that the school have your **latest email/contact information**. This year, the whole school will be using **SEESAW**. If your family are having difficulty accessing SEESAW online then please get in touch with the school for help.*

**Homework**

**Spelling homework** will be provided on Seesaw every week from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. This does not need to be returned but can be shared on Seesaw if you wish. A Spelling Grid with a list of activities will be provided also to give you some ideas on how to practise your spelling words. **Reading books** will be sent home every week and should be returned the following week on the same day. **Numeracy homework** will not be set, but a list of websites will be provided instead so your child can practise a range of skills. Playing games both practical and online are a great way of learning as they are fun and engaging! We are currently learning about place value and shape. Any number or maths related games will be great for your child's learning. Here is a list of online websites for you to use: *Sumdog (login required – please let me know if you need a reminder), Topmarks, Maths Frame, IXL and ICT Games.*

Thanks!