

**COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 Term 1 – August 2023  
**Class Newsletter for Room 8**


**Literacy****Reading**

In reading we will concentrate on our ability to read independently and for a sustained period. We will be using skimming and scanning techniques to look for key words in a text to find information. We will explore a number of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topic. We will work on identifying different word types and how to use these correctly. We will also develop our dictionary skills to better support our writing. We have started to read *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, a story about a group of children lost in the Amazon rainforest.

**Writing**

In writing we will revisit the different elements of VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation). We will practise using punctuation such as full stops, capital letters and question marks with consistency. We will also aim to broaden the range of adjectives we use in our writing and will learn how to use a thesaurus with efficiency.

**Listening and Talking**

Through our topic we will be exploring the use of appropriate vocabulary relating to a specific subject. In groups, we will make and present a PowerPoint about a rainforest animal to the class. We will also be developing listening skills in both group and class discussions.

**French**

We will start by revising the topics covered in P4. This will include days of the week and months, colours, classroom objects and numbers.

**IDL**

Our project this term is *The Rainforest*. We will be using maps to identify where rainforests are in the world and comparing and contrasting these countries with Scotland's climate and wildlife.

We will also look at the human impact on rainforests across the world and consider how we can be more environmentally responsible.

The children will learn about how rainforests are structured and the variety of animals and plants which are found in each layer.

**Numeracy and Maths**

In numeracy we will be working with numbers from 100s up to 1,000,000s. We will be using our place value knowledge to compare, order, sequence, add and subtract. We will also be rounding to the nearest 10s, 100s and 1000s and identifying and continuing number patterns.

Mrs Bell will be teaching maths topics on a Tuesday, starting with data handling.

**ICT and Technologies**

This term we will practise saving our work to various locations including on a computer. We will make PowerPoints to share, exploring the range of features available.

**Health & Well-being**

We will continue to develop our feelings and emotions weekly, using Kitbag techniques and activities to create discussions within the class.

This term we will revisit the rights of the child and familiarise ourselves with the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators.

In PE, we will work on improving our general strength and stamina by doing a variety of activities such as, jogging, sprints, drills and circuits.

**RME**

This term in RME we will explore the practices and traditions of world religions. This will include looking at the different guiding principles each religion follows and how these principles effect the everyday lives of their followers.

**Expressive Arts**

Linked to our Rainforest topic, we will explore the works of Henri Rousseau. We will use different materials to create our own art inspired by his work.

Until Easter, we will be joined fortnightly by a music specialist, Mrs Mair. She will work with all P5s as part of the Youth Music Initiative.

**Other news:**

- PE is on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has adequate outdoor gym clothes.
- Outdoor Learning is on Monday afternoon. We hope to get outside in all weathers so please provide a change of shoes, waterproof jacket etc.
- Please ensure that **all** school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

