



### **General Information**

We hope you all had a great Summer and are excited about the year ahead, especially as P7s are entering their **final year** at Commercial Primary. We are looking forward to a busy and rewarding year.

## **Literacy**

This term the theme of our Room 12 class novel will be the First World War, in line with our topic. We will study the text "Private Peaceful." This novel will explore themes of courage, friendship, injustice and inequality, and the effects of war.

This term the theme of our Room 13 class novel will be the Second World War, in line with our topic. We will study the texts "Goodnight Mr Tom." This novel explores themes of discrimination, racism, evacuation, care and the effects of war.

We feel that it is important for the pupils to explore these themes in class where we can conduct discussions in a safe and comforting environment.

## **Reading**

When considering the above texts we will begin to recognise how a person's attitude, values and beliefs can impact their interpretation of a text.

Through analysing vocabulary and considering the author's motivation we will learn to draw conclusions and form opinions.

Each child will also receive another reading book which will be read for homework. This should be in schoolbags **every day**. *We will not have replacement books available if they are forgotten.*

## **Writing**

This term we will focus on functional writing. We will create newspaper articles based on our topic. We will look at reporting the facts, persuasive language, bias and propaganda. We will look at producing non-fiction, exploring how to present facts in an interesting and informative way.

## **Spelling**

We will continue to concentrate on spelling, looking closely at spelling rules. Children will be given a variety of independent spelling tasks as well as formal lessons. Weekly spelling homework will also be issued on Seesaw.

## **Listening and Talking**

Our listening and talking skills will be focussed on co-operation, collaboration, constructing and justifying opinions. We will be debating big issues about past actions and justifying our moral stances.

We will discuss our thoughts on our class novel, listening and responding to others who have a different viewpoint with respect.

## **French and Spanish**

This term, Room 13's French will be taught by Mrs Johnston on a Monday. She will be focusing on building

## **Numeracy and Maths**

This term we will be focusing on Place Value. We will be looking closely at the importance of a decimal place and the link between decimals and fractions. We will also be looking at ways in which we can visually represent these. We will look at the rounding of numbers and explore situations when numbers need to be rounded up or down and reasons why. We will be solving problems by identifying and applying efficient strategies.

Children will be focusing on Addition and Subtraction strategies, within a variety of different numeracy contexts, some children will be consolidating these skills, whereas others will be looking closely at the relationship between addition and subtraction and speeding up their recall.

In Maths, we will be focusing on Measuring – this will be taught on a **Monday** (by Mrs Johnstone in both Room 12 and Room 13).

## **Health and Wellbeing**

As pupils move into P7 will be following the Branch Out health lessons to prepare pupils for P7 and High School. Pupils will learn about the 5 Ways of Wellbeing and how they can prepare for transition into S1. Pupils will continue develop strategies to cope during challenging times throughout our lives.

The P6 pupils from Room 12 will have a focus on positive mental health and wellbeing.

PE will take place indoors and outdoors when possible. We will work on team games and continue to build good relationships within our class and work on cooperation. This will be developed through Hockey and Basketball. Pupil will need to bring their PE kits on a Wednesday and Thursday next week. From the 12<sup>th</sup> September for 4 weeks, they will need their PE kits on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

## **RME**

This term Room 13 will explore the beliefs and traditions of Judaism. This will link to the P7 topic where we will look at the treatment of the Jews during the WWII time period. This term Room 12 will study Judaism and the Jewish festival of Purim.

We will also develop the skills of reflection, discernment, critical thinking and deciding how to act when making moral decisions. We will look in further detail about pilgrimage in world religions.

## **Expressive Arts**

P7 will look at creating art around the Blitz linked to the topic WW2.

Room 12 will create art linked to our topic of WWI.

confidence when using conversational French- greetings, numbers and the school day

Miss Philp will deliver French lessons to Room 12, with a focus on greetings, birthdays, numbers and the school day.

### **Interdisciplinary Topic (IDL)**

Room 13 are all really excited about researching WWII and we will be looking at the following:

Timeline

Types of weapons

Types of aircrafts

Countries involved (Allies/Axis/Axis territories)

Roles of women

Roles of animals

Before and after the war

Rationing

Air raids and shelters

Leaders

Evacuation

The Blitz

We will briefly touch on the Holocaust

We will revise Primary and Secondary sources

Pupils have already come up with some interesting questions to answer about the war and are keen to get started!

Room 12 are excited to begin their learning on WWI. We will be exploring the following topics:

How did WWI begin?

Life in the 1910s

Timeline of events

The Home Front

New Weapons and Technology

The End of the War

Impact of the War

Life in the trenches

Remembering the War

In Music this term we will be using the programme Charanga to deliver music outcomes. Pupils will focus on reading simple musical notes and playing a range of instruments in time and tune.

### **John Muir**

In school, Room 12 and 13 will have Outdoor Learning **every Friday morning**. The children will explore the rich and changing diversity of living things with the hope of achieving their John Muir Award.

We will be looking at the damage caused to the School Woods and how we can regenerate growth and preserve the area to encourage more flora and fauna to inhabit the area. For this reason, we will not visit the woods as often, instead doing our Outdoor Learning in various other locations.

**Wellies are still required every Friday morning.**

### **ICT**

This term we will focus on using the laptops for research purposes. We will consider the use of bookmarks, favourites and the reliability of information taken from the internet. We will also look at taking information from an outside source and making it your own (*no more copy and paste!*). Through doing this we will be developing our Microsoft Word skills by changing text properties etc. We will also learn more about IVONA, immersive reader, word talk etc. to help support our learning.

### **How can parents/ families help? (Including homework information)**

- Reading and spelling homework will be issued every **Wednesday** and should be completed by **Monday**. Please ensure that reading records are signed by an adult at home for confirmation of completion. We understand that by P7 many children read completely independently, so please query them on vocabulary and a story's plot to ensure understanding of the text.
- Numeracy homework will be completed on Sumdog and Studyladder. There will be tasks to complete throughout the term with no expectation for numeracy to be done every week. Log in details for both websites will be in their homework jotters.
- As Primary 6 and 7 are working towards achieving their John Muir Award. Please encourage your child to be equipped for **outdoor learning every Friday**, e.g. wellies, gloves, coat etc.
- Although the children will have two pieces of homework to complete most weeks this is encouraged as it is setting the groundwork for starting High School and higher expectations of time management and organisation.
- ***Please ensure that the school have your latest email/contact information.*** This is a very busy year especially for P7 pupils and a lot of information about homework, sports events, high school transition and things happening in class are sent out frequently. We don't want children to miss out.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch! We appreciate you support. Many thanks, Miss Philp and Miss Marr