



COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Term 1 August to December 2023
 Class Newsletter for Room 6
 Primary 3



General information: Welcome to P3 with Mrs Bell (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Matthew (Wed-Fri).

We are so excited to be back to school and learning with you all. We have worked hard to create our own class charter which reminds us of the rules and strategies which will make our classroom fun, safe and ideal for learning.

We are looking forward to becoming a great team and being the **best class in Commercial!**

In Literacy we will be learning ...

Writing

Our writing this term will be based around the topic of the Vikings and will be both imaginative and functional.

Our main focus is using correct punctuation and appropriate use of capital letters. We will be revising nouns, verbs and adjectives.

In Handwriting, we will be working on letter formation of lower case letters, ensuring that we keep our letters on the line and use the correct form and size of letters. We are also focusing hard on our jotter presentation.

Spelling and Phonics

We will concentrate on our vowel sounds, common words, blending and new patterns, which you can practice more for homework. Each child has been given their own spelling dictionary to try new words themselves. The children will have a spelling test on a Monday to check their understanding of the patterns and words given the previous week.

Reading

In reading, we will be developing understanding of the main ideas of texts, ask questions to make sense of it and recall details about characters, settings and events.

Weekly Library Challenge – We will be developing our understanding of what we read through ‘Blooms Buttons’ which we will share information about on Seesaw as we use them.

We are also building up a love of reading through reading for pleasure. Our whole class novels will be ‘Grimwood’ by Nadia Shireen (Mon-Wed) and ‘Thorfinn The Nicest Viking and the Awful Invasion’, by David MacPhail (Wed-Fri).

We are hoping to begin monthly/ termly visits to the library and are looking for parent/carer helpers to join us! If this is something you could do, then please get in touch.

Listening and Talking

We are working on using an appropriate level of volume when speaking in different situations. As our classroom is now in a shared area, we will make sure we develop our listening skills, take turns to speak and become confident sharing our own ideas. Our Drama activities will also develop our confidence sharing ideas and being able to give feedback to one another.

Our project is The Vikings

We will be learning all about the Vikings this term. We have asked the children what they know already and what they want to find out about. We will explore:

* Who were the Vikings? (writing, children, women, home life)

In Numeracy we will be learning...

Place Value

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, patterns of numbers and missing numbers.

Addition

We will be revising lots of addition strategies this term. We will use solid materials where needed e.g. number squares and Numicon to aid all learners when working independently, but we will also be developing our mental strategies. We are working hard on using squared jotters and keeping our work neat.

Mathematics

Our Maths topics this term will be Data Handling . We will be exploring why data is important and why we need to organise it. We will be gathering our own data, using tally marks, frequency tables and organising into pictograms, bar graphs, line graphs, Venn and Carroll diagrams.

We will also be learning about Shape, both 2D and 3D and their properties.

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.

Health and Well-being / RME

P.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. **Our Gym day is a Friday.**

As part of HWB we will be developing resilience. We will work to understand how we are all connected, can work together and will explore strategies to help one another when we feel alone or left out. We will also be working on our own goals for growth – we have identified our own personal target that we will work on this term.

RME

Our main focus for RME this term is The Local Church. We will explore key features of a church, what Christians do at church and will try to visit our local church. We will also be learning about Viking gods.

Expressive Arts – Art, Drama and Music

Art

In Art we will be working on our construction, cutting and sticking skills. We will also be using a range of media to create artwork relating to our topic including clay, textured voyage scenes and we will try some simple weaving techniques.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Viking travel and journeys *Viking traders *Viking warriors *Viking gods *Viking crafts *Viking burials *Explorers *Viking longships 	<p style="text-align: center;">Drama</p> <p>In Drama we will be learning the skills of mime, improvisation, using our voices effectively and developing characterisation. We will develop turn taking, working together in groups and learning how to give feedback to one another.</p> <p>We will also use our Drama sessions to develop our Literacy skills, writing stories based on our Drama activities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>In Music, we will be working on using our voice. We will also use some musical instruments to discover and enjoy playing with sound, rhythm, pitch and dynamics.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ICT and Technologies</p> <p>We will be learning to use the netbooks in school to help us use a computer independently. We will become confident in logging on, using our username and passwords, navigating around the home screen and understanding various icons.</p> <p>We will also learn how to access various websites and search for information using Google and keywords. Please see websites below for your child to access at home to practice navigating around various websites.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Outdoor Learning</p> <p>We plan to go outdoors every Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing, e.g., wellies and waterproofs please.</p> <p>In P3 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">How can parents/ families help?</p> <p>Encourage your child to access Sumdog online; logging in independently to practise their numeracy skills frequently. Encourage completion of reading and spelling homework each week.</p> <p>Read regularly – if not daily – with your child. Please discuss words, spellings and meanings within the text and/or pictures.</p> <p>Please ensure your child brings a full gym kit to school on Fridays. Suitable shoes, shorts / joggers, a t-shirt and a jumper / hoodie incase P.E is taught outdoors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Please make sure your child's name is on all items of clothing they bring to school, to avoid lost property.</u></p>
<p><u>Other news from our class:</u></p> <p><u>Seesaw</u> 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. More information from Mrs Strang will follow this newsletter.</p> <p><u>Homework</u> Homework will be issued on a Wednesday and must be returned by the following Monday. It will include your child's reading book with a reading record (we would be grateful if this could be signed), spelling words uploaded to Seesaw each week (which can be practiced in the jotter provided or using the 'active' tasks given on the Spelling activity sheet).</p> <p>Numeracy skills can be practiced through Sumdog (your child's username and password will be stuck inside the cover of their homework jotter) and other websites including: www.sumdog.com www.mathplayground.com www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/ www.bcbitesize.com www.doorwayonline.com</p> <p><u>Important Dates</u> <u>Authors Live</u></p> <p>We will be watching a live event through the Scottish Book Trust by author Nadia Shireen in September.</p> <p><u>Heroes of the Viking World Exhibition</u></p> <p>On <u>Friday 29th September</u> we will be visiting the Dunfermline Carnegie Library for their Heroes of the Viking World Exhibition. We would be grateful for the help of a few parent helpers for this trip, so please get in touch if you can help. Details including times of the trip will be issued nearer the time.</p>	