
**COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Term 3
Class Newsletter for Primary 1



Literacy / Reading

This term we will be sharing a range of fairy tales. We will continue to use these texts as our context for all of our literacy learning and we will do lots of activities which will develop our comprehension and reading skills.

We will continue to revise our single phonic sounds and move onto learning all of our diagraph sounds (double sounds e.g. ai, oo, sh). We will all continue to practise blending these sounds to make words and some of us will be trying to read without sounding out.

We will also be learning the common words that are difficult to sound out so we can recognise them by sight.

Writing

We will continue to use our sound knowledge to sound out words and sentences to make stories and to do lots of drawing. We will be focusing on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops independently.

Some of us will begin to use connectives (and & because) to make our sentences longer.

Listening and Talking

As we celebrate Scottish poetry and Scottish poets as part of Burns Night, we will learn and recite our poem, Ma Wee Rid Motor to the class.

We will also be planning and preparing for personal talks. Each child will be asked to make a short presentation on a topic of their choice and talk about it to the class. We will be focussing on eye contact, clear speech and engaging information.

ICT

We will practise logging onto the computer. We will begin to do this with more independence and we will practise opening a word document and typing words into it. We will also learn how to access games by using a shortcut icon.

Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy

We will continue to work with lots of numbers. We will focus on recognising, counting and sequencing bigger numbers and we will work on finding missing numbers.

We will revise our addition knowledge using different materials to support us. We will also move on to understanding subtraction and use a variety of strategies to solve subtraction problems.

Maths

We will be talking about time and how we use this in our lives. We will look at the months of the year and recap the seasons. We will also discuss the passage of time, days, weeks, months and years. We will look at telling the time on analogue and digital clocks. We will begin to look at o'clock and half past.

We will be learning to measure using standard and non-standard units to find the length, weight and volume of objects. We will do this in the classroom and out with the classroom setting e.g. the quad.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be learning about friendships and will talk about what makes a kind friend. We will continue to use our Cool in School strategies to help us problem solve.

Through our fairy tales, we will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe and healthy and how to deal with tricky emotions.

In PE, we will be focusing on dance this term. We will be learning to move in counts of 8 and how to use different movements within a dance. We will learn some Scottish Country Dancing and work as a team to develop our own creative dance routine.

Expressive Arts

In Drama we will be using our fairy tale stories to help us take on the roles of the characters in different situations. We will also be working on mime. This is something you can encourage the children to do at home too and it will encourage them to use their imagination.

We will be attending the Fife Schools Music Festival in February where we will be performing 2 Scottish songs on stage. We will be using our Nativity experience to help us keep in time to the music, learn lyrics and sing in tune.

In Art we will continue to practise our cutting skills and we will explore with a range of materials to create pieces of artwork linked to Scotland. Some of our artwork will also be Easter related.

Play

Play will continue to have a big focus this term. We will continue to develop the world of work skills that we learn through play and discuss these. You will continue to see pictures of how we are learning through play on Seesaw. Our teachers discuss the skills we are learning as we play to help us understand what they look like.

RME

We will look at different traditions and religions from around the world to help us to understand events like Chinese New Year and other events that will take place. We will also discuss Burns' day and later on in the term we will learn about the Easter story.

How can parents/families help?

- Making sure our names are on all of our belongings including jackets.
- Helping us learn how to do our own buttons and zips.
- Reminding us to bring **wellies** and **waterproofs** with hoods every Thursday as we will be doing outdoor learning.
- It would be really helpful if you could work on counting on with your child. e.g. asking them to start at 5 and count on 3. This will help with mental addition.

Other news from our class:

- Room 1 will be welcoming a student this term: Jan Williamson
- Miss Ross will be in Room 2 for Miss Stewart's NCCT time and Mrs Johnson will be in Room 1 for Miss Grierson's NCCT time.
- We will be attending the Fife Schools Music Festival on Friday 2nd February 2024.
- Keep your eyes peeled for information about our enterprise project and class trip!