



COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Class Newsletter for Rooms 5
 January 2024 - April 2024



In literacy we are learning to:

- Use a variety of punctuation correctly including exclamation marks, question marks, speech marks and apostrophes for contractions (e.g. I'm, didn't).
- Spell common words correctly and learn new spelling patterns or rules.
- Read and write instructions and posters using headings and an appropriate layout.
- Read, perform and write different styles of poems and use some poetic skills such as rhyme, alliteration, similes and metaphors.
- P3s will start to join letters together in handwriting. P4s will continue practising this.
- We will also continue with our visits to Dunfermline Library.

In numeracy & maths we are learning to:

Multiplication, division & fractions

- Most P3s will practise quick recall of the times tables x2 x5 and x10 and be able to skip count to solve x3 and x4.
- Most P4s will work towards quick recall of all times tables and how to x10, x100, x1000. They will also learn some tips and tricks to help with this.
- Link division with multiplication.
- Recognise halves, thirds and quarters of a shape.
- Use materials and times tables knowledge to find a half, third or quarter of an amount.
- Explore equivalent fractions eg. $\frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$
- Some pupils will also look at tenths and hundredths and how this is connected to decimals.

Time (Miss Ross)

- Order days of the week and months accurately.
- Use a calendar to find information.
- Use the short date format (24/10/17)
- Read analogue and digital clocks (Most P3s should be able to tell o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. Most P4s should also be able to read to the nearest 5 minutes.)
- Use am and pm
- Calculate how long between two times.

Our topic this term:

We will do a STEM based topic based around the Lenora Bolt: Secret Inventor novel series.

P3s will be learning about:

- materials (properties and uses)
- forces & magnets

P4s will be learning about:

- electricity
- sound vibrations & waves.

In Health & Well-Being we are learning to:

- Talk about what makes a good friend and demonstrate this through my daily interactions with them.
- Use strategies to deal with conflict independently.
- Build teamwork and leadership skills
- In P.E. through gymnastics we are learning to jump, roll, travel, balance and create sequences. We will also give constructive feedback to others and use self-assessment to improve.

In ICT we are learning to:

- Use the internet safely.
- Be a good digital citizen.

- Use block coding to create simple algorithms
- Predict the behaviour of simple programs
- Use loops and if blocks

In Expressive Arts we are learning to:

- Music: Develop rhythm and pitch through games and songs. Play tuned and untuned percussion.
- Art: designing and creating models to meet challenges considering the materials used and design criteria.
- Drama: We will be performing using expressions and gestures.

How can families help?

- Teach your child to tie their own shoe laces if they are wearing them to school.
- Label all clothing including gym kit and water bottles.
- Return reading book and spelling jotter each **Monday** or before.
- Appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor learning is required every **Wednesday**.
- Gym kits are required for **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

Thankyou!

Links for optional additional learning:

Practise time tables and skip counting.

www.sumdogg.com

www.topmarks.co.uk

<https://ictgames.com/>

www.mathframe.co.uk