



COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Term 3 – Jan – March 2024
Class Newsletter for Room 9

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 concentrate on recognising and using punctuation to help add expression when we are reading aloud.

Writing

In writing we will continue to develop our use of paragraphs to organise our work. We will be looking at developing the skills of imaginative story writing this term. We will be focusing sequencing stories correctly and ensuring they have a beginning middle and end. We will develop our editing skills and scanning pieces of work for spelling and punctuation errors. We will continue to think about using interesting vocabulary to up-level our pieces of writing and adding impactful punctuation.

Spelling

We will look at spelling words with digraphs which make the same sound. Our main focus is to explore, learn and apply spelling rules. Some of us will look at root words and meanings. We also will be continuing to think about syllables (the beats in a word) to help us with our spelling.

Listening and Talking

Through our project work we will develop our presentation skills and listening skills. We will also use our Burns poetry to help pace, timing, facial expression and gestures. It is expected that all children put the effort in to learn at least some of the poem to recite.

Handwriting

Targets

- To form and join letters correctly
- To develop and improve handwriting style

Numeracy and Maths

This term we will continue to consolidate and develop the pupils understanding of multiplication and division. They will explore a variety of different strategies which can be used to effectively solve mathematical calculations. From this learning pupils will be able to identify the most appropriate strategy to use in a variety of situations.

All pupils will work on their times tables and will understand the importance of this knowledge when solving multiplication and division calculations. All pupils will be able to multiply and divide whole numbers up to 3 digits. Some pupils will work with larger numbers and decimals.

Mathematical Experiences

Mrs Johnston is teaching the children the skills necessary for telling the time. The children have the opportunity to use the interactive white board, maths games on the computer and practical activities in class.

We will be working very hard to improve our mental maths knowledge in particular we will be working on improving our multiplication knowledge. It is important that we learn to use different strategies and find answers quickly.

ICT and Technologies

This term we will continue to work on PowerPoints, adding text, pictures and animations. We will also be working on creating documents, saving and retrieving our work independently and adding pictures to word documents.

Health & Well-being

P.E. We will be concentrating on balance and movement through gymnastics. We will be looking at balancing, rolling, movement and travelling skills with the goal of creating a short gymnastic routine.

This term we are looking at the difference between a healthy and unhealthy lifestyle by exploring diet, exercise, hygiene and emotional health. We will continue to develop our feelings and emotions weekly, using Kitbag techniques and activities to create discussions within the class.

Our interdisciplinary topics are:

Our project this term will be Natural Disasters. We will be learning about the Earth's structure and its different layers. This will help us understand how disasters such as Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Tsunamis occur.

We will also be investigating weather disasters such as Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Wildfires etc, and how climate change has affected them.

Expressive Arts

In art we will be looking at repeating patterns such as tartans and trying to create our own tartan designs by weaving paper. We will also be learning about famous artists, their lives and their style of art. We will create our own pictures in a similar style.

Other news:

Weather permitting, Rooms 8 will be doing outdoor PE on a Tuesday, so please can you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing with them.

Our outdoor learning session is timetabled for a Friday. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing for all types of weather conditions e.g. waterproofs and wellies.

Homework will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on Mondays. Could reading books please be brought in daily as we will try to hear group reading as often as opportunities arise.

This term we are lucky enough to have a Bachelor of Education 3rd year student in the class. Miss Pickard will be with us until the end of term and we are looking forward to having her in our class.