



COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
April 2024
Class Newsletter for Room 8



Literacy

Reading

Last term the children really enjoyed reading “The Wild Robot” by Peter Brown so we are now reading the sequel, “The Wild Robot Escapes.”

Linked to our topic, we will also explore some Scottish myths and legends.

We will look at different genres of stories and talk about our own personal preferences, giving reasons why we like certain types of text.

We will also explore dialogue in texts and how this is presented through speech bubbles, speech marks as well as indirect speech. We will use this knowledge to read aloud with an awareness of the style of the text and we will practise formatting speech correctly in our writing.

Writing

Our writing this term will focus on creating imaginative texts. We will look at the different styles of authors and the techniques that they use. We will write different genres of text. We will also write a storybook for us to present to our P1 buddies.

Listening and Talking

We will be looking at confidently presenting an argument and respecting that other people may have a different point of view.

Interdisciplinary Topic

Our topic this term is the Scottish Wars of Independence. This will include looking at timelines, exploring relationships with different nations, learning about historical figures such as Wallace and Bruce and learning about life in the middle ages.

ICT

We will learn about spreadsheets by both creating spreadsheets and searching and sorting information within a spreadsheet. We will also use Scratch to develop some coding skills.

Numeracy and Maths

We will continue our work on multiplication and division. We will learn how to use different methods to solve problems. We will challenge ourselves to improve our recall of times tables.

We will then move on to learning about fractions, decimals and percentages.

Miss Ross will teach maths on a Wednesday.

Health and Wellbeing

In PE we will develop the skills to play games of netball and football.

We will complete unit 2 of the Building Resilience toolkit- Keep Connected. This will include looking at how relationships are important for our health and wellbeing, how belonging to groups can be a good way to build friendships and how good relationships are a two-way thing.

This term we will be exploring RSHP (Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood). Children will learn about the names for parts of the body, changes that occur during puberty, friendships, consent, stereotypes and equality, what is transgender, different forms of abuse, safety online and social media.

The teaching materials are available to view online via the link below. In P5 we will be using the ‘To Begin’ section.

<https://rshp.scot/second-level/>

RME

This term we will explore the beliefs and traditions of Judaism. This will include the holiday of Passover. We will learn about why this holiday is important to Jewish people and how it is celebrated.

Expressive Arts

We will create dance and movement sequences to perform for others in the class. We will provide feedback to others and implement feedback we receive.

We will explore a range of artistic techniques through our topic work. We will look at different symbols and how they are used to convey an idea. We will also use pattern and printing to create knights and important figures.

In drama we will practise using our voice to portray a character, considering volume, tone, pace and emotion.

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

- PE is on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has adequate outdoor gym clothes.
- Outdoor Learning is on Monday afternoons. We hope to get outside in all weathers so please provide a change of shoes, waterproof jacket etc.
- Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Open Afternoon- Tuesday 21st of May 2.25-2.55

Sports Day- Friday 24th May

Homework

-Spelling words will be issued weekly for practise at home. This does not need to be returned to school. These words will also be worked on in school so it would really help your child if they were learned at home.

Useful links for supporting learning at home:

Spelling

<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/activities/speller/>

Creative Writing

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkgcwmn>

Typing Skills

<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/typing/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr>

Times Tables

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Fractions

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/fractions-and-decimals>