




**COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 Term 1 - 2024/25 Aug - Dec  
 Class Newsletter for Primary 3/4



**In Literacy we will be learning to**

**Writing**

- use appropriate punctuation and order and link sentences in a way that makes sense.
- use interesting words in our writing including ambitious adjectives and similes
- Present our writing neatly and legibly

**Spelling and Phonics**

- develop our knowledge of letter patterns and spelling rules and use spelling strategies to help us.
- each group will have different spelling words which will be sent home for homework each week. This will always be a hard copy in children's homework folders. There may also be spelling activities added to SeeSaw for children to complete.

**Reading**

- use strategies to help decode words and make the meaning of texts clear.
- select and read books which we enjoy and find interesting and begin to explain why we like certain books.
- answer and ask different kinds of questions about texts.
- Our current class novel is Let's Do the Pharaoh! By Jeremy Strong.

**In Numeracy we will be learning to**

- understand the importance of zero as a place holder and the link between a digit, its place and its value
- develop ways of estimating the answer to a calculation, including using rounding, work out the actual answer, then check our solution by comparing it with the estimate
- use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using concrete, pictorial and written strategies
- explore simple 3D objects and 2D shapes and can name and describe their features using mathematical language
- explore fractions using in practical activities to show how a single item can be shared equally; how a group of items can also be shared and use mathematical symbols and language

**In Health and Well-being we are learning to:**

**P.E**

- follow and understand rules and procedures through different team games and challenges.
- recognise and take on a range of different roles in team games and challenges.

- Children will take home reading books each week, as homework, to share their reading at home with an adult.
- All children will have access to online books through the free Oxford Tree online library where books can be set to audio, for children to read along with. Login details will be given on SeeSaw.
- We will be choosing library books in school and regularly reading independently or with a partner in class to develop our interest in and enjoyment of reading.

### **Listening and Talking**

- know when and how to listen, when to talk, how much to say
- when to ask questions and how to respond with respect.
- to make notes using different methods
- use notes to understand what we have listened to or watched and use to create new texts.

### **Mental and emotional wellbeing we are learning to**

- begin to understand emotions, how to look after these and manage them.

### **Social wellbeing we are learning to**

- explore our rights and begin to show respect for the rights of others through our actions and choices.
- begin to improve and manage our resilience through understanding different coping strategies and ways of learning.

### **In Expressive Arts, we are learning to: -**

#### **Music**

- use my voice, musical instruments and music technology to discover and enjoy playing with sound, rhythm and pitch.

#### **Art**

- create and present work using the visual elements of line, shape, form, colour, tone, pattern and texture

#### **Drama**

- create, choose and try different roles, using movement, expression and voice.

### **How can parents/ families help?**

- Homework will be issued on Wednesdays and should be returned the following Monday. This will consist of a reading book and spelling words. There may also be spelling activities added to SeeSaw for children to complete. return both by the following Monday.
- Gym kits are required on Tuesday. Pupils should come to school wearing their gym kit.
- Outdoor learning is on a Tuesday afternoon and children can wear their gym kits and put on joggers or waterproofs and wellies, etc, over these.
- Please make sure your child's name is on all items of clothing and belongings they bring to school.

### **In Outdoor Learning and Science we are learning to**

We are working towards the 'Discovering Nature' element in the Natural Connections Award. We will explore our school grounds, the park, our quad and the school woods.

Please remember suitable clothing every Tuesday to match the weather forecast that day. You can leave waterproofs and wellies in school so you don't have to remember them each week. We do outdoor learning in all weathers!

### **In Social Studies (Ancient Egypt) we are learning to**

- explore places and investigate artefacts to understand place and time
- compare aspects of people's daily lives in the past with my own
- explore a significant individual from the past and consider the influence of their actions, then and now
- find information from books, pictures and videos, and take notes from these to produce a new piece of written work.
- create and present art work associated with Ancient Egypt.
- explore an ancient number system and discuss the importance of number in the world