



COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Class Newsletter for P5/6
 August 2024 - December 2024



Welcome to Primary 5/6! We have loved getting to know you all and are looking forward to a year of fun and learning. Miss MacGregor & Mrs Bell.

In Literacy we are learning to:

- Explore features of personal writing including writing about our thoughts and feelings linked to our senses and focusing on setting description.
- Create different types of functional writing linked with our topic. Alongside our research skills in ICT, we will learn different ways to present information.
- Present our work in paragraphs with appropriate punctuation.
- Explore nouns and verbs.
- Develop our spelling skills and learning new patterns.
- Use a dictionary to check the meaning and spelling of a word and order words to the third letter.
- Use a thesaurus to develop and extend vocabulary.
- Ask and answers literal and evaluative questions about a text.
- Use skimming and scanning to find information, key words and phrases from a longer text.

In Numeracy & Maths we are learning to:

Place Value

- Confidently read, write and say numbers up to 1,000,000.
- Recognise and represent numbers by partitioning correctly.
- Convert numbers into groups of tens, hundreds and thousands.
- Some children will be learning about decimals and decimal places.
- Sequencing numbers to one or two decimal places.

Addition and Subtraction

- Explore different strategies, including jump and split strategy, to solve increasingly difficult calculations.

Information Handling

- Explore misleading statistics in real life contexts.
- Represent data in diagrams and tables with varied intervals.
- Collect data in collaboration with others.
- Enter data into simple spreadsheets.

Chance and Uncertainty

- Explore and use language of probability to decide likelihood of an event.
- Use data to create and answer questions.
- Create simple probability scales.

In Science and Social Studies we are learning:

Through our 'Our World' topic we will learn about:

- The world, the UK and Scotland – the landscape and features.
- Map skills.

In Health & Well-Being we are learning:

We are learning all about how to build our resilience and respect ourselves. We will be exploring our uniqueness and differences, celebrating our strengths and personal qualities and how to look after ourselves. We are also working on what it means to have empathy and appreciate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The habitats and environments that different animals need to survive. - How climate and human activity affects the environment and habitats. - Classification and characteristics of living things. - We also hope to organise a trip related to our topic before the end of term. Details will follow. 	<p>others.</p> <p>In P.E. we will be learning all about Basketball including choosing skills we can perform with control, practising movement skills in different contexts and improving my range of skills, including passing, throwing, shooting and dribbling.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>In ICT we are learning to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use a search engine to find information based on our topic. - Compare information from different websites and talk about which is a more trustworthy source. - Develop our word processing skills using different programmes such as Microsoft Word and various websites. - Identify and save files in an organised way. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Expressive Arts</u></p> <p>We are very excited to have YMI (Youth Music Initiative) Beatbox working with us every Monday until the end of October. They are working with us to create a Scottish Pantomime which we will invite you to in due course. The children are learning performance skills and using their voice.</p> <p>In Drama we will be learning to use various techniques to convey characters such as hot seating, role on the wall and thought tracking.</p> <p>In Art, we will be creating work related to our topic and will learn how to blend shades and colours using a range of media. We will also be exploring mark making to create different patterns.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>How can families help?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please label all personal items including gym kits, wellies, water bottles and packed lunch boxes. - Homework: A reading book and a spelling list will be issued on a Wednesday. Your child has been provided with a small jotter to complete their spelling work if needed, although it is not necessary to return this. Please return reading books on Monday. - Sumdog passwords have been stuck into their Homework jotters. - Gym kits should be worn to school on a Thursday for PE lessons. Outdoor Learning is also on a Thursday, so please ensure appropriate footwear and clothing are brought in. 	
<p><u>Links for Numeracy Homework:</u> www.sumdog.com</p>	

www.topmarks.co.uk
<https://ictgames.com/>
www.mathframe.co.uk