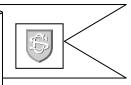


COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL Term 1 – August 2024 Class Newsletter for P5a



<u>Literacy</u> 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 work on identifying different word types and how to use these correctly. We will also develop our dictionary skills to better support our writing.

<u>Writing</u>

In writing we will revisit the different elements of VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation). We will practise using punctuation such as full stops, capital letters and question marks with consistency. We will also aim to broaden the range of adjectives we use in our writing and will learn how to use a thesaurus accurately.

Listening and Talking

Through our topic we will be exploring the use of appropriate vocabulary relating to a specific subject. In groups, we will make and present a PowerPoint about an environment to the class. We will also be developing listening skills in both group and class discussions.

<u>French</u>

French will be covered by Miss Ross on a Thursday afternoon.

<u>IDL</u>

Our project this term is Our World. We will be using maps to learn about longitude and latitude and different environments.

We will be looking at different environment, the impact of climate change, the importance of sustainability and how global issues impact Scotland.

Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy we will be working with numbers from 100s up to 1,000,000s. We will be using our place value knowledge to compare, order, sequence, add and subtract. We will also be rounding to the nearest 10s, 100s and 1000s and identifying and continuing number patterns. We will also look at the four operations. For our maths topic, we will be looking at data handling. We will work on how best to gather and share information with others.

ICT and Technologies

This term we will be working on our research skills and using different features of Microsoft Office. We will make PowerPoints to share, exploring the range of features available. We will also work on how to save our work so that it is easily accessible.

<u>Health & Well-being</u>

The class will be working on building resilience during their together time assemblies on a Wednesday.

This term we will revisit the rights of the child and familiarise ourselves with the wellbeing indicators (SHANARRI). We will also do some work on the Catastrophe Scale to help us create strategies for dealing with tricky situations.

In PE, we will work on basketball and improving our general strength and stamina by doing a variety of circuits.

<u>RME</u>

RME will be covered by Miss Ross on a Thursday afternoon.

Expressive Arts

We will be looking at use of different materials in our art this term and create 3d and textured artworks. We will be connecting this to our topic and learning for sustainability. During September and October, we will be working with Beatbox to prepare and perform a Scots panto. We will be working with Laura and Kev from YMI every Monday until after the October holidays.

Other news:

- PE is on a Wednesday. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

- Outdoor Learning is on Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has a waterproof jacket and outdoor shoes. A message will be sent from the office on Mondays if they need items for going to the woods.

- Please ensure that **all** school uniform and jackets are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Homework is uploaded onto Seesaw on a Wednesday and can be access through your child's log in. A jotter has been provided for your child to practise their spelling words but there is no expectation for the jotter to be returned to school.