

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our home/school partnership, we are aware that parents would like to know what their child(ren) are learning in school. Please use our 'Learning Letter' to discuss your child's learning with them.

Please find an overview below of the areas we will be looking at this term. These are the overarching 'Learning Intentions' for the whole class for the term. Individual children's targets may differ slightly based on need.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or if there is something you feel you could support us with.

Miss Coe

P4-7

<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Reading</p> <p><i>Our class novel this term is 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. This will link with our topic learning about the Second World War</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are continuing to develop our skills in reading aloud, focusing on using punctuation clues and our understanding of dialogue to promote fluency and expression. • We are learning to discuss our preferred texts, commenting on the author's choice of language and with relation to genre, text type and author. • We are learning to set personal targets to develop our reading and to reflect on our progress. • We are developing skills and strategies to help us read and understand texts. In particular we will be learning to discuss setting, plot, characters and point of view, to identify the writer's style, techniques and purpose, and to discuss structure of a given text.
	<p>Writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning to write narrative texts, focusing on description of interesting character and detailed setting, plot and structure, including using inference. • We are continuing to develop our spelling at our own level and apply it to all areas of literacy. • We will continue to develop our use of punctuation through QI. • We are learning to form letters correctly, join and present our work neatly in handwriting. • In Grammar we are developing our understanding of synonyms and antonyms, apostrophes (for possession and contractions), speech marks, syllabification, paragraphing and colloquialisms. • We are learning to use a thesaurus to support the use of a varied vocabulary. • We are learning to uplevel pieces of writing, such as through adding adjectives and more complex vocab.

	Listening & Talking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning to discuss our preferences and give a detailed personal response to texts, including some analysis. • We are developing our presentation skills through the use of 'pecha kucha' presentations, discussing eye contact, body language and pace, use of language and vocabulary, gesture and emphasis, choice of words and tone.
Numeracy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are continuing to develop our use of addition and subtraction- mental and written. • We are learning about the Order of Operations. • We are developing our use of mental and written multiplication and division- including with decimal numbers • We are learning to use our knowledge of multiples and factors to solve problems including with money and measurement • We are learning to independently collect, organise, display and interpret information using a range of graphs, tables and pie charts and making effective use of technologies. • We are learning to use digital technologies to create spreadsheets and line graphs. <p>Some pupils will carry out learning at Third Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning to solve written multiplication and division problems working with whole numbers and decimal fractions to three decimal places. • We are learning to identify common factors for whole numbers and to identify prime numbers to 100. • We are exploring powers and roots. • We are learning to create pie charts.
Social Studies Topic: Britain at War (World War 2)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning about the Second World War. • We are learning to use primary and secondary sources to research the past. • We are learning to compare and contrast society in the past with our own daily lives. • We're learning about the influence and impact of people and events of the past. • Please note: P6 and P7 children will learn about the Holocaust in an age appropriate way. We will not cover this with the P4/5s but will wait until they are at an age where this learning would be more appropriate.
Health & Wellbeing, including PE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the sports of badminton and volleyball, we are learning to create rules to follow in a game, use tactics to serve, block or position our bodies correctly for a shot, and work well with a partner.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be developing our control and team work through hockey. • In creative dance, we will learn some of the famous dances of the WW2 era, and use our topic learning to inspire our own creations. • We are learning to give and act on feedback • We are learning about fire safety and prevention and winter water safety. • We are learning about metacognition and how our brains learn with Miss Leverage (University of St Andrews ID 4001 student) • Through our Pupils Leadership Groups, we are learning to contribute to our community, bringing about positive change. • Through discussions about rationing and 'Dig for Victory', we are learning about food seasonality, availability and sustainability. • We are learning to prepare food hygienically.
Expressive Arts	<p>Drama</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are exploring movement, expression and voice. <p>Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning to respond to artists. • We are learning to create art using digital media. <p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning to respond to music through listening to some music of the WW2 era.
RME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning more about what Christians believe about the life and teaching of Jesus through exploring parables and miracles. • We are learning about the celebration of Christmas, and how and why it is celebrated by Christians.
Digital Literacy/technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are learning to use technology to create graphs (Microsoft Excel) • We are developing our use of PowerPoint.
Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are developing our knowledge of French vocabulary for numbers, dates, age and Christmas. • We are developing our skills in reading French vocabulary.
Outdoor Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are working towards RSPB Wild Challenge Silver Award.

Important Class Information:

Everyday Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A warm and waterproof jacket for outdoor play and learning experiences • A change of shoes (indoor shoes) • Shoes suitable for running/ Daily Mile • Those with long hair should bring a hair tie for PE days.
P.E. Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays and Thursdays
P.E. Kit Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please wear suitable outdoor kit for PE- dark-coloured joggers/ leggings/ shorts, t-shirt or school polo shirt, warm jumper/ school jumper, and outdoor trainers. (Please also bring waterproofs in case of poor weather.)
Outdoor Education Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday
Outdoor Kit Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm & waterproof jacket and suitable outdoor shoes/change of shoes and a change of clothes and/or waterproof trousers.
Homework Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: sent home on a Tuesday, to be returned the following Tuesday. • Spelling/ vocabulary and Numeracy/ Sumdog: out on a Wednesday, to be returned the following Tuesday.
Adults in Our Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSAs: Mrs Mathieson and Mrs Carleschi • NCCT: Mrs Meikle (PE, handwriting) • Learning Support: Ms Shields • ID4001 Student (University of St Andrews): Miss Leverage
Visits & Visitors & How You Could Help Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have any expertise/ connections with knowledge about the Second World War, we'd love to hear from you. • If you could help accompany us to Outdoor Learning on a Wednesday afternoon, please let Miss Coe know.
Dates for the Dairy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inset- Friday 15th November • Christmas party- tbc • Christmas tree decorating in Village Square- Tuesday 3rd December 5pm • Panto trip- Wednesday 4th December • Last day of term- Friday 20th December

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive term!