

## Primary 3 Newsletter October 2024

Here is an outline of our plans for the weeks ahead.

### P.E SESSIONS

#### **Monday and Friday**

Please bring in shorts and appropriate footwear to change into. No jewellery should be worn for PE. Earrings should be removed or tape provided to cover them. Long hair should also be tied back.

PE sessions will initially focus on gymnastics, followed by social dance.

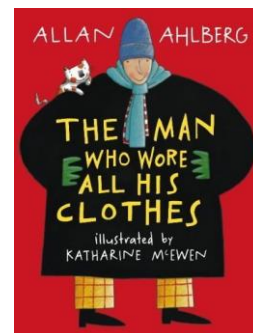
### PHONICS

Phonics work continues to take place daily in P3 with practical activities, eg, use of letters to make, break and blend words, partner dictation and the use of Elkonin boxes. This term we will share the phonic focus of the week alongside the common word spellings we are working on in class on Evidence Me. Pupils are encouraged to practise these words, focusing on those they find tricky. (Jotter in green book bag alongside spelling activity suggestions.)

**TALK 4 WRITING** We will complete the work we started prior to the holidays on writing a recount, before moving on to a Conquering the Monster tale. We also hope to do some poetry work with an emphasis on alliteration.

### READING

We have started another novel which is 'The Man Who Wore All His Clothes' by Allan Ahleberg. We will focus on visualisation, where we will work on creating mental images as we read about characters and settings, using the text to answer literal, evaluative and inferential questions and explore the effect of punctuation on our reading to improve our fluency and expression. Pupils may also be given additional books to help develop skills in decoding and reading aloud.



In addition to our small class library where the children have access to a variety of texts, they will also visit the school library to borrow books of their choice. We also have dates in the diary to visit Forehill Library.

For pleasure, we will complete our final Wigglesbottom books (which we have very much enjoyed.) Book Week Scotland is from the 18<sup>th</sup>- 24 November. School events are in the process of being organised for this. We hope to do a few special activities for this in our class too. In the lead up to advent we will be enjoying some festive literacy treats as well as sharing some poetry too.

## Numeracy

We will continue to work on addition and subtraction, working towards solving word problems with more than one step. We hope to share the strategies we are working on via Evidence Me. We will also begin to work on 2d shape and 3d objects.

## French



We are going to kickstart our work in French by initially looking at numbers within 10 and then within 30. We will also revisit greetings and days of the week before moving on to animals and food. Thank you to Thomas Poisson's mum who is helping us to develop our knowledge about life in France as well as developing our vocabulary and perfecting our accents.

## Health and Wellbeing

For HWB this term we will be using drama to help us explore friendships and ways to cope with and approach playground situations. We will also be looking at ways in which we can recognise and help to address anxiety too.

## Skills for Learning, Life and Work

Delighted to have Korben's mum volunteer to come into class and share her knowledge of running a business. We hope to make use of this to help us as we work towards creating our own little enterprise business for the school fayre. Please get ready for some market research questions coming your way!

Another thank you to those parents who have been able to assist us on trips to SouthCraig, the library and our visit to the farm. (We appreciate that it sometimes just doesn't suit parents due to work schedules! Please don't feel the pressure! 😊) Throughout this year we will be exploring aspects of the world of work - if you would like to help us by coming into the class to talk about ANY kind of work that you do. Please let us know. 😊

## Digital Literacy

We will beginning this term with a block of work on coding. We use a resource called Discovery Coding. Once we are up and running with children familiar with their username and password, pupils will be able to access this at home and share with you what they are working on.

## Science

We will be learning about the Human Body (more specifically lungs and heart) as well as investigating germs - how they can spread and methods of preventing this.

Lots planned, before the mad rush of December! 😊

Mrs Davies and Mrs Messner