



Marykirk School – Term 1, 2023/24

Primary 5-7 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone! It is lovely to see all the senior pupils eager and ready to learn. We have lots to do this term, including organising both the Macmillan café and the talent show, and here is an outline of the work we will be covering.

Numeracy & Maths

This term we will be looking at:

- estimating and rounding (P5s will secure their knowledge of correct terminology and work with a range of whole numbers and some decimal fractions, P6s will look at real life contexts through an extended range of numbers and P7s are going to compare actual answers to estimates with increasingly large numbers).
- place value (P5s are going to develop their understanding of and comparing the value of a digit depending on where it is placed, P6s are going to be working with an extended range of whole numbers, comparing and extending numbers and P7s will be looking at a range of extended whole numbers and decimal fractions and their value).
- addition (P5s will cover both mental and written strategies, P6s will cover both mental and written strategies and solve word problems and P7s will cover both mental and written strategies, the inverse relationship and word problems).
- times tables through weekly practice.

To support your child at home with maths please encourage your child to use the Sumdog online programme (each child has their login details in the front of their homework book) and practise a variety of times tables with them as often as possible.

Literacy & Language (including French and Spanish)

Reading will be on a daily basis, through ERIC (Everyone Reading In Class) time but also three times a week in reading groups. The children will read in their group either independently or with a teacher and complete a range of tasks that will relate to and improve their understanding of the text. To support your child at home, you can listen to them reading their reading homework, to help improve fluency and can ask them questions about the text or their opinion on it. Feel free to sign and/or comment in your child's homework jotter.

For extended writing this term the class will be learning about letter writing and diary entries, both of which will be linked to our topic this term, Titanic – the children will be incorporating facts learned in Topic and empathising with Titanic passengers/crew by writing from their perspective.

Spelling will be practised twice a week in class and the week's words will also be sent home on Mondays (in the homework jotter) to allow the children to practise and

share them with you at home ready for a test on Fridays. Your cooperation in encouraging your child to learn their spelling rule and words is greatly appreciated.

In French and Spanish, we will continue to consolidate our use of transactional vocabulary on a daily basis through ordering lunches, counting objects or time and writing and saying the date. We will build on our knowledge of French in particular through the Word(s) Of The Week initiative.

Health & Wellbeing (including PE)

As a class pupil will be learning about feelings with Mrs Louise Anderson

For P.E we will focus on fitness and stamina, carrying out a range of activities such as fitness stations and running. The children will complete the Beep Test at the beginning and end of the term and which will, I am sure, show improved performance for everyone after this fitness block. P.E will be outdoors this term, as much as possible, (however, we will be in the hall when the weather is poor), so please ensure your child comes to school on P.E days (Mondays and Fridays) dressed in appropriate P.E clothing for being outdoors.

Topic

This term we are learning about the Titanic. We will study its building and the facilities on board as well as the timeline of events that led to the disaster. The children will also be looking at the culture of the era such as fashion, entertainment and music.

Visiting Specialists

We will be doing Drama with Ms Miller on alternate Wednesdays.

Other subjects

Also with Ms Miller (on alternate Wednesdays), the class will be studying aspects of Christianity and Islam.

General Information/Reminders

P.E is every Monday and Friday. Please ensure appropriate clothing for being outside (though we will be in the hall should the weather be poor). The children should also come to school dressed in their P.E clothes.

Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school which can be refilled in the classroom with cool, fresh water at any point in the day.

Homework: spelling will be sent home in your child's homework jotter on Mondays and is due to be completed and the jotter returned to school on Fridays.

Reading books will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned on Mondays (failure to do this directly impacts the reading groups on Mondays, so your support in this matter is greatly appreciated). Please feel free to sign and or comment in the jotter and encourage your child to return it to school.

As always, I am available should you have any queries. Please do not hesitate to contact me after school in the playground, via the school office or by email directly to me at vicki.magalon@aberdeenshire.gov.uk