



Marykirk School – Term 2, 2023/24

Primary 5-7 Newsletter

Welcome back to term 3! This term we are looking forward to working with Miss McLean, a second-year student teacher from Aberdeen university, with us for 5 weeks. After a well-deserved break, the children are back ready to learn and this term promises to be busy, with our class planning and hosting A Taste of Scotland, for which I hope everyone in the class can attend especially as each child has an important role. Here is a snapshot of what we will be learning:

Numeracy & Maths

This term we will be looking at:

- time (P5s will be looking at analogue and digital, units of time and measuring time on different devices, P6s will be looking at converting 12 and 24 hour times and interpreting timetables and P7s will be looking calculating time durations and comparing time periods and factors that can affect them).
- probability (P5,6 and 7s will be exploring the terminology of probability and chance in daily life. We will also make predictions on and carry out a simple chance experiment).
- money (through our preparation for A Taste of Scotland, P5,6, and 7s will be looking at hidden costs and special offers when shopping and the importance of shopping around as well as planning purchases by comparing retailers and calculating profit and loss. We will also benefit again from a session or two from HSBC about bank accounts).
- measurement (P5s will look at estimating and measuring and comparing the two as well as converting units of measurement; they will read scales using metric units and calculate perimeter; P6s will look at estimating and measuring and comparing the two as well as converting units of measurement; also they will learn about calculating area in m^2 and cm^2 ; P7s are learning about estimating and measuring and comparing the two as well as converting units of measurement and perimeter and volume)
- 2D and 3D shape (P5s will learn key terminology, how to correctly use a pair of compasses and a ruler, the properties of 3D shapes and will make skeletal and solid models of some of them; P6s will learn key terminology, as well as about the properties of 3D shapes and triangles, whilst making models of the latter; P7s will investigate the properties of quadrilaterals and polygons, the nets of common 2D shapes and will sketch some 3D shapes on isometric paper).

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 and support any Maths homework that they bring home.

General Information/Reminders

P.E is every Monday and Friday (please see the section on P.E above for appropriate clothing advice).

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 or occasionally (at the request of the pupils, Maths) will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned on Mondays (failure to return reading books 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